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Martial law in Pakistan as riot deaths reach 200

Martial law has been imposed on three of Pakistan's main cities. This comes after six weeks of political violence which has claimed more than 200 lives. Retired Major-General A. A. K. Niazi, A leader of the opposition National Alliance which has demanded the resignation of Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister, has been arrested.

Army now key factor in Bhutto crisis

From Richard Wigg Rawalpindi, April 21

The Government of Mr Bhutto tonight gave law and order functions to the Pakistan Army, imposing martial law on the two principal cities of Sind Province, Karachi and Hydera-had, and on Lahore, the princi-pal city of the Punjab.

A Government statement read on television said the Army authorities had been given powers in these places to set up summary trial courts with punishments under the Defence of Pakistan rules. To do this President Chaudhry had promulgated an order amend-ing the Pakistan Army Act.

A curiew of indefinite duration was imposed on Karachi and troops and police patrolled the streets. A curfew from 4 nm was also imposed on Hyderana was also imposed on riviera-bad, which has seen violent 'emonstrations against the Government in the past few days. Two persons were killed in Hyderabad for defying police orders under the curfew, the authorities said tonight.

Justifying martial law, imcountry's worsening political crisis, the Government pointed out that all efforts made to achieve a political settlement had been frustrated and that "a rude shock" had been given to the economy. Tonight's mea-

Reuter reports from Hyderand today that retired Major
General A. K. Niazi, a leader
of the Opposition Pakistan
tational Alliance, was arrested
Ryderabad today. He was
nd to have been detained of the crisis.

emergency regulations making objectionable making beeches. I There was an eerie armoenhere in

Karachi today, cording to reports from the iforced curfew after yestery's violence between armed ipporters of the ruling Peoe's Party and those of the Pakistan the nional Alliance

The number of deaths is now elieved to be well over double is nine admitted officially fier yesterday's events and at or east 70 people have been injured. In the past six weeks more than 200 people have been killed in disturbances through-

There was silence, with things at a standstill in the sprawling city of 4.5 million that the spr large crowds usually shopping in the bazaars on this annual Igbal: Day holiday, the anniversary of the death of the Muslim poet now officially elevated to one of Pakistan's

founding fathers. sition also plans more country-wide street demonstrations to-morrow, the fortieth day of its campaign against the general election in March, which it says Mr Ehutto won by unfair

During the past 48 hours there has been a noticeable swing in public opinion, with more and more people joining Oppositions demonstrations Oppositions demonstrations wherever they have been held.
Business interests, particularly merchants and wholesalers have long been against Mr Bhutto. They have found to inconvenience in churting no inconvenience in shutting down for most of the past month with shortages bringing higher prices for scarce supplies. The switch by labour under the new Pakistan Labour Alliance is more significant, with the strong-arm methods the Prime Minister

used in the past now being turned back on him. The pay increases handed out ear-lier this week are not working. Pakistan has asked the World Bank to put back to July the aid consortium meeting because "policy issues" have gone undecided. The month-long crippling of

Karachi's port is increasingly creating shortages of imported goods, including tea, and locally produced food items like cooking oil and fresh fruit are scarce because of mounting national distribution problems As the sense of a gathering

crisis grips the country many to avoid further danger to the country's security.

Mr Bhutto strives to hang on. Besides addressing his People's Party in the capital tomorrow, there are rumours he will try to meet the Opposition in a last effort at agreement.

· Because of a strike that grounded all the national airline's domestic flights, the Air Force today transported National Assembly men from arachi to Islamabad.

Many Pakistanis consider it now only a question of time before top generals withdraw from Mr Bhutto their tolerance

or tacit support.

If the Army, hitherto reluctant to re-enter politics,
decides to act, it could move
"extra constitutionally" by
putting in a neutral interim
administration, perhaps headed by a senior judge in the absence of anyone able to com-

mand the respect of both the Opposition and Mr Bhutto.

Athens, April 21.—General Gul Hassan, former head of the Pakistan Army, today urged leaders of his country's armed forces to oust Mr Bhutto and hold fresh elections.

founding fathers.

If the Opposition's call for a national strike tomorrow is successful, as is generally expected, most people cannot stop senseless killings, destruction of property and banksee how Mr Bhutto, the Prime stop senseless killings, destruc-tion of property and bank-rupt in Pakistan. The Army power much longer. The Opposhould return to barracks after fresh elections.-Reuter. Photograph, page 8 | Commons.



Moderate is successor to Mr Jones

By Paul Routledge

Mr Moss Evans, aged 51, a ormer engineering industry shop steward who rose to become national organizer of the
Transport and General Workers'
Union (TGWU), has been
elected the union's general
secretary in succession to Mr
Jack Jones. He succeeds to the
£7,000 a year post on March 29
next year, effectively for life.

Results of a month long elec-

Results of a month-long election announced last night showed that he had a majority of nearly three to one over his nearest rival, Mr John Cousins, son of Mr Jones's predecessor Mr Frank Cousins and an opponent of the social contract and the "special political relationship" with the Cabiner.

Bur Mr Evans, a defender of the social contract, took only 46 per cent of the votes cast. In a 39.1 per cent poll of 1,925,668 members issued with voting papers, Mr Evans took 349,548 votes to Mr Cousins's 119,241. The next candidate was Mr Alex Kitson, the union's executive officer and a left-wing member of the Labour Party national executive with 75,395 votes.

Mr Larry Smith, national bus officer, came fourth with 47,799,

laghan's action was prompted by an observation in the House

of Lords the previous night by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, who conducted an inquiry into the Profumo incident in

1963, that the papers had been

destroyed.

Last night Lord Denning authorized Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, to inform the Lords on his behalf that he had assumed the papers' destruction although, in fact, they had been been in the

they had been kept in the Cabinet Office. Lord Denning apologized for drawing the "wrong inference" and expressed pleasure that the documents had not been destroyed.

pressed pleasure that the documents had not been destroyed.
The root of the misunderstanding lay in a Whitehall decision on the future of the papers in the mid-1960s, a few years after the Perfect of the papers.

years after the Profumo affair,

which involved intimate per-sonal relationships and national

security. It led to the resigna-tion of Mr John Profumo, Secretary of State for War, after he admitted lying to the

Profumo files found

in Cabinet Office

and 10 other candidates shared the remaining 160,000 votes.

It is believed to be the first time that a general secretary of the country's largest union,

which is edging up to two million members, has been elected with a minority of the votes cast. Mr Jones took 63 per cent of the popular poll in 1968, with a turnout 1 per cent

In all, more than 1,150,000 votes were not cast in the election, which took place by secret ballot.

Last night the leadership of the TGWU was at pains to emphasize that the election re-sult would not change union policies. The Government's most cathful ally at least until its faithful ally, at least until its Scottish TUC delegation voted to back a miners' demand for free collective bargaining, will continue to support the social contract.

After the result was announced Mr Evans said at an emotional press conference in the union's boardroom in Transport House, Smith Square: "1 will dedicate myself to continuing the policies that have been determined by the union over the many years that Jack Jones has been its general secretary."

Mr Evans has been the union's national organizer for

several years. He came to public prominence during the big Ford strike in 1971, but his roots are deep in the Labour movement. He was born in the year of the general strike, and raised in the depression-affected vil-lage of Cefn Coed, near Merthyr Tydfil. He was taken to the

The Cabinet Office asked

released to the public for reasons of confidentiality, which

he repeated in the Lords debate

The Cabinet Office asked

Lord Denning what should be done with them. He urged that they should be destroyed.

Without Lord Denning's knowledge, the Cabinet Office,

as the department responsible for documents pertaining to in-

quiries commissioned by the

Prime Minister, did not destroy

them but stored them, in accord-

ance with normal procedure, in

the Commons at question time yesterday that the papers still

existed. He did not say whether the decision never to release

matter of principle on the treatment of official papers.

Mr Callaghan confirmed in

on Wednesday.

its registry.

Midlands when his father moved there to find employment.

there to find employment.

In 1940, he started work at the Joseph Lucas plant in Great King Street, Birmingham, as a boy trainee, cutting carbon for use as lightning conductors on aircraft. He became a shop steward in 1951, and was appointed a full-time union official at the age of 29, in the Midlands engineering industry that produced both Mr Jack Jones and Mr Harry Irwin, the union's assistant general secretary, who did not stand in the tary, who did not stand in the election.

Mr Evans was diffident about his success last night, insisting that he would respond to the collective decision-making process of the TGWU, and remain "one of the lads". Mr Evans took the lead in

regions except Scotland, where Mr Kitson, the "favourite son", beat him. Mr Evans ran on a platform of reasoned but cautious defence of the social contract. Before he takes up his position he will have to deal with some difficult shop-floor pay pressures from the motor engineering industries.

His most successful rival was less reluctant to talk last night. Mr Cousins, an £11,000-a-year industrial relations personnel director at the National Economic Development Office (Nedo), said: "I am convinced that the substantial vote that has been recorded for me is a reflection the members' views about

Jack Jones legacy, page 18

The Queen's shares stay secret Highly sensitive files on the Profumo affair were found in the Cabinet Office registry yesterday after a search ordered by the Prime Minister. Mr Calbacks after a search ordered by the Prime Minister. Mr Calbacks action of the prime Minister of the prime Minister of the prime Minister. Mr Calbacks action of the prime Minister of By Nicholas Hirst

Shareholdings held by the Queen and the Royal Family

are to remain a secret known only to the Secretary of State for Trade and the Bank of England.
The Government has decided

to make an exception for the Royal Family under the Com-panies Act, 1976, which allows companies to demand to know the beneficial owners of shares held in nominee names. The Act contained a provi-

sion for exemptions, and in an answer to a parliamentary question yesterday Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, for the Department of Trade, said neither the Queen, the Royal Family, foreign heads of state and their immediate families not governimmediate families nor govern-ments would have to declare

who they were.
Companies will have a shrewd idea if the Queen has invested in them, however, as the shares will be held under the title "Bank of England nominees".

Bank of England nominees

them would be amended.

Lord Trend, who as Sir Burke
Trend was Secretary of the
Cabinet from 1963 to 1973, said he could not comment as a nent of official papers.

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Devolution promise to the Welsh repeated

By David Leigh
Political Staff
The Prime Minister will be
able to announce what is being
done about devolution in two
or three weeks' time. Talks
with the Liberals are being
speeded up and in some respects are nearly down to matters of detail alone.
Neither the Prime Minister
nor Mr Foot, Leader of the
House, denied in the Commons
yesterday reports that Wales

House, denied in the Commons yesterday reports that Wales might be split from Scotland in any new devolution Bill. But both emphasised an equal commitment to Wales. That implies strongly that the deal with the Liberals is revolving around separate, but simultaneous new Bills.

Mr Callaghan said at question time: "I do not take any responsibility for stories in the press. I am not required to answer at the dispatch box for them. Government policy on this matter is clear. We are committed to devolution both for Scotland and Wales."

Mr Foot, answering questions later about forthcoming Com-

Mr Foot, answering questions later about forthcoming Commons legislation, said: "No decision whatsoever has been made about any separation of the Bill. But whatever might be decided about that in the future, the Government's commitment to Wales on devolution remains and stands and we are determined to carry it out, as determined to carry it out, as we are determined to carry out devolution pledge to

The Liberals have been meeting the Government over the past few weeks. They are anxious to emphasize that they do not want Wales split off, to drop out of the running. They want to allow Welsh public opinion to be clarified by a separate consideration of the issue.
That weighs more with them

than the opposite and more likely danger, that dissident Labour MPs will pounce on a Welsh Bill and kill it with Tory connivance.

Welsh auti-devolution Labour MPs agreed yesterday that a Wales Bill on its own stands little chance. Some even go so far as to maintain that double the number of the 43
Labour MPs who halted the
guillotine before Easter will
oppose a Welsh Bill.
Some Labour MPs have cer-

tainly been swayed so far, when thinking about a portmanteau Bill, by appeals from their Scottish colleagues, who face grave electoral dangers, not to let them down.

A Scottish Bill on its own

would not attract the same hostility from Welsh anti-devolution MPs, although they would be embarrassed if, as all the indications seem to show, separate Bills ran simul-taneously. They could scarcely denounce Welsh devolution and turn their backs on the Scot tish question.

It seems most likely at the moment that the outcome of juggling between the interests of Labour backbenchers and the Liberals will end in a proposal to run separate Bills al-most simultaneously, but with the Scottish measure marginally in front.
The Scottish nationalists are

likely to accept any decision to separate Wales, even though it implies its outlook would then be poor. As one said yesterday: "Of course we would make expressions of sympathy, but Scotland is a nation on its own, and that is what we are con-cerned with."

The renewed support of the 11 Scottish National Party MPs after the autumn would be a ment in its struggle to survive; but it cannot be guaranteed Welsh and Scots cool, page 2

Mr Issy Bonn dies aged 74 Mr Benjamin Levin, popu-

larly known as Issy Bonn, the music hall and radio enter-tainer, died in a London nursing home yesterday. He was 74. Mr Levin rose to fame in the 1930s as a radio personality for his dry, Jewish humour.

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Wary US reaction to Carter plan for cutting energy waste

From Fred Emery Washington, April 21

President Carter's bold proposal to wage war on America's energy waste through a compli-

energy waste through a compli-cated strategy of tax penalties and rewards was received today with continuing wariness. The Fresident was watched storily by the joint session of Congress through most of what he called his "sober and diffi-cult" presentation of his con-servation plan last night. He seemed nervous, uncharacter-istically making speaking errors.

errors.

Not until he came to his crescendo of insistence on how fair the plan would be, particularly in auditing the popularly suspected oil industry, did the applause begin to rise. But it remained thin.

All realize that Mr Carter, just these months in offere after.

All realize that Mr Carter, just three months in office after a narrow election victory, has staked his presidency on persuading the people that they can do so amid intensifying Government regulations. That is very una merican and now what Mr. un-American and not what Mr Carter led them to expect. Thus most congressmen, who will face election next year, two years sooner than Mr Carter, wish to wait for popular reaction, all the while praising Mr Carter's intentions.

It cannot be over-emphasized how limited a President's

It cannot be over-emphasized how limited a President's leadership can be. He proposes but Congress will dispose. As Mr George Will, this year's Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist, remarked today: "Most of what a President says is politically, if not grammatically, in the subjunctive mood." Almost everything Mr Carter puts forward requires Congressional passage of new laws. If a tide of positive response comes from the public, it is possible that much new law could be enacted by the summer. If it does not, Mr Carter's plan, even though it is better, could go the same way as Mr Ford's and Mr Nixon's—gutted by regional interests. Some of those interests which Mr Carter said must not "Bal-Mr Carter said must not

kanize" the country have

promptly protested. The oil and gas producing states wishing a boost for present production are complaining. "A cocked gun at Texas", said its Democratic Governor, Mr Dolph Briscoe. Governor Edwin Edwards, of Louisiana, also a Democrat, was all a-bluster, threatening to keep his state's oil at home, unless other states stepped up their production.

production.

Many Republicans, but far from the most important, have been up in arms. Asking America "to start acting like a poor nation is absolutely contrary to the nature of our people", said Congressman Bauman, a Maryland right-

Still, no President since Still, no President since Lyndon Johnson, over civil rigits, has asked the public flatily to follow an apparently unpopular course. And the novelty, backed by the evident good sense, and the "credibility" that Mr Carter has diligently built up in his first 90 days, could possibly swing emotions as well as reason, as did Mr Tohnson. did Mr Johnson.

There is no doubt that the President, taking to television tomorrow for the third time this week, intends hammering over and over again at the fair ness theme, his insistence that big business will not get away with profiteering.

Typically, most hostile congressional reaction has been directed at the "standby" tax proposed on petrol beginning in 1979. Mr Carter went out of his way to explain that it was the one tax that would not have to be implemented, if Americans buckled down and met new, reduced consumption

But Europeans could be excused for being unimpressed. The price of an American gallon would not rise to one dollar until eight years hence. The modest nature of the tax suggests it could be one item that Mr Carter would be willing to sacrifice in Congress in order to get others through.

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Heathrow strike may end at weekend

The three-week dispute by maintenance engineers at Heathrow airport may end this weekend. The 4,000 strikers, members of the Amalgamated Union
of Engineering Workers
(AUEW) decided yesterday to
return to work if a formula for
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Guy, chairman of the engineering and maintenance panel, the official negotiating machinery for engineers at Heathrow, said there was no chance of an agreement today. The claim was too complicated to rush "You just can not buildoze your way through it to reach a

formula purely for the engin-eers. It could take days or even months to reach agree-Earlier, the other unions had

of the other unions for negotiations today. One of them, Mr Jack Gatsky, said lest night: "We are going to try to pro-duce a format between us. We are prepared to talk and talk, and hope there will be a reso-

The final decision will not be known until Saturday after-But last night Mr George noon, when the five leaders report to a meeting of 256 stewards representing the strikers. A successful outcome would probably see the men returning to work for the first shift on Sunday morning.

British Airways, which has lost £35m through flights being grounded, welcomed the move. It said services could be nearly back to normal within 24 hours. Back to normal: More than 1,000 of the engineering and maintenance men have resumed demanded a return to work by the engineering workers before engaging in talks.

The five shop stewards leading the maintenance men will meet the wages subcommittee maintenance men have resumed normal working at Treforest, South Wales, Liverpool, Manchester, Belfast, Aberdeen and Edinburgh, British Airways said yesterday (the Press Association reports).

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Army extends call-up in South Africa

From Our Own Correspondent Johannesburg, April 21 South Africa is to double the length of national service from one to two years, Mr P. W. Botha, the Defence Minister, announced today.

In addition, the subsequent compulsory period of follow-up service is to be increased from 95 days to 240 days. This will be spread over eight years. Mr Botha, who was speaking during a parliamentary debate on the defence budget, also announced that a new mainten-ance unit for Coloureds is to be established.

Angry Brigade woman on parole

Hilary Creek, aged 28, a member of the Angry Brigade, was released on parole yesterday after serving half her 10-year sentence. She left Pucklechurch Remand Centre. Bristol. with her probation officer.

She will remain on parole until the autumn of 1978 when she would normally have been released after remission. Anna Mendleson, also serving 10 years, was released in November. They were convicted in 1972 of conspiring to cause ex-

Mr Benn denies 'arm-twisting' tactics on power

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, vesterday strongly denied any dictatorial intent in his letters to Sir Arthur Hawkins, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, over the ordering of the Drax B coal-fired power station at a cost of £600m. He urged MPs not to believe every inflated estimate that the CEGB had given because they were not correct. Ha because they were not correct. He denied that any "arm-twisting" was going on Page 21

going on Cash limits criticism

A new system of cash limits, aimed at A new system of cash limits, aimed at imposing tight control over government spending could be jeopardized if a predictable structure for public sector wages does not follow phase two of the Pay Policy, the powerful all-party Commons Public Accounts Committee states in a report

Page 21 states in a report

Torture challenge

Irish claims that the European Court of Human Rights had the power to order Britain to take legal action against members of the security forces involved in the introduction of internment in Ulster were criticized by Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, at the torture case hearing in Strasbourg Page 2

Mr Callaghan sees

TUC on wages

Mr Callaghan met TUC leaders to discuss the social contract and the imminent end of voluntary wage restraint, Earlier, Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, had said that his industry was working on a productivity scheme which could raise miners' wages by £20 a week Page 6

Rhodesian demand

In a move intended to clarify the open mandate given to Mr Ian Smith to negotiate a settlement, the Rhodesian Front's chairman has declared that the white electorate must have the final say on any accord reached. Mr Joshua Nkomo, the Rhodesian nationalist leader, has described the latest British initiative on Rhodesia as "completely

More students

Rome University

An increase in student numbers of at least a third in the next 10 years is forecast by the Association of Univer-sity Teachers. It bases its estimate on the increasing numbers of women and mature students seeking higher educa-tion, in spite of the expected decline in university-age population

Rome University riot

A policeman was shot dead and two

other people, including a journalist, wounded when students opened fire at Rome University Page 7

Boycott law could hurt US business

A stringent Bill to combat the Arab boycott of companies trading with Israel has been passed by the United States House of Representatives. It could have serious effects on American business if it becomes law. The Senate is considering a milder measure European radio: First details have

been given of a combined project to provide a European news and current affairs radio programme in three languages from London 4 Children's viewing: Millions aged 11 to 15 see 'adult' television programmes and many watch after 10 pm, a survey

Holiday lead: Thomson Holidays' offer of cheap charter flights with a nominal £1 charge for accommodation has intensified the air fares war

Bonn: Long-running terror trial of the alleged Bauder-Meinhof gang nears its conclusion in West Germany 7

Zaire: President Mobutu's Government said its forces were ready to launch a final assault on the invaders in Shaba province

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Political Reporter

Mr Silkin attacks Irish moves in torture case for legal action against security forces

prosecuted by their own governpean Court of Human Rights.

In a 20-minute submission, he rejected claims by the Irish Government that the court had power to order Britain to act against those involved in the introduction of internment in Northern Ireland in 1971.

such a move could damage the morale of the security forces in Ulster and the future of human rights machinery in Europe.

In the five years which the case has lasted no mention has of difference between a decibeen made officially of the identities of the men who might yention had been breached, and be involved in the unprecedent the type of demand by the Irish ted criminal proceedings. When for it to force the guilty governeyidence was taken on a Norment to take action in its own wegian airfield in 1974, with courts.

He asked who would act as nesses from the security forces were hidden behind screens being cross-examined by the Irish legal team.
But within the past six

months two pro-republican news-papers in Dublin and one in London have published lists of more than 20 names of British soldiers and members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary said to have been personally in-volved in the torture allegations made by the Irish Govern-

One of the 14 Provisional

IRA prisoners on hunger strike

in the Irish Republic, was reported yesterday to be partly paralysed and using a saline drip to take salt and water in the Curragh Military Camp.

Relatives who visited Mr.

Relatives who visited Mr Kevin Mallon, aged 41, a former member of the Provisional IRA's ruling body, said that until they saw him he had not spoken for three days. His right arm was paralysed and he was in wheelchair

Mr Mallon, from Coalisland,

co Tyrone in Northern Ireland.

is serving a 10-year sentence

he was one of the men who

security offices, the Department

said yesterday.

That would allow the De-

makes the payments, to cut projected staff needs and adminis-

tration costs, the Department of Health said. Mr Ennals, Secretary of State

Committee and a pilot scheme will be operating in July.

But, the department said, a review would take place before

"The burden of work on local officers has steadily increased," he added. "This would remove

some of the burden of work-load off them."

Some claimants, such as those on short-time working, would continue on the weekly basis, the statement from the

Official March figures put the jobless total at nearly 1,384,000.

A detective sergeant from Hampstead, London, searching the home of a dealer in second-hand lewelry and watches in December, 1974, stole three diamond rings, a watch, gold their and soverein the prose-

chain and sovereign, the prose-

cution said at Middlesex Crown

Court yesterday. Terence Arthur Henry John-

son, aged 45, who gave an address in Spain, pleaded guilty and was jailed for 18

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From Stewart Tendler

national judges in Strasbourg Mr Samuel Silkin, OC, the yesterday that it would be un-Attorney General, yesterday necessary and wrong to follow took steps to try to prevent the the course suggested earlier in bizarre spectacle of British the week by the Irish. "The soldiers and policemen being convention never contemplated that the court would make ment at the order of the Euro- orders fettering in the suggested way a state's choice of means of giving effect to, and so abiding by, the decision of the court", he said.

"If it had been so contemplated, it is unbelievable that it would not have been expressed in the clearest terms. The There is serious concern convention is a far-reaching among British ministers that instrument, but I would ask the court not to construe it beyond all reasonable interpretation."

The public section of the courtroom was crowded as he argued that there was a world

He asked who would act as court of appeal if he, as British Attorney General, decided that evidence in respect of a particular injury was insufficient to create any reasonable chance of conviction.

"If my judgment tells me that to prosecute would be to persecute, who is to be em-powered to review the exercise of that discretion which is inherent in my office?

being convicted for member-

ship of the IRA. After recap-

ture he escaped again, this time

chief of staff of the Provisional

In Belfast, Mr Brian Smith,

IRA hunger-striker 'paralysed'

mine, accept such control? Would the recently established director of public prosecutions in his country, whose independence is enshrined in the statute creating him?"

That was seen by observers as a thinly-veiled reference to the recent Anglo-Irish dispute over the prosecution of eight mem-bers of the Special Air Service Regiment. After the troops were arrested, Irish ministers protested publicly that they were unable to interfere.

European legal experts expect that it will be at least four months before Britain learns whether she has succeeded in preventing the action sought by the Irish. The judges will hold several private sessions before issuing judgment which will then be passed to the committee of ministers of the Council of

There is certain to be anxiety among those members of the security forces who could be involved in the still unspecified legal action. On the five sensory deprivation techniques employed Mr Silkin made a further attempt to persuade the judges not to find Britain in breach of the convention after his promise in February that they would never be used again.

"I am asking the court to acknowledge that, whatever the errors of the past, my country has taken powerful steps to remedy those wrongs and to "Would Mr Costello [the ensure, so far as any democracy Irish Attorney General] whose can, that they will not recur."

It is thought that the attack

may have been in retaliation for

the bombing of a Provisional

yesterday that talks were taking

place with Mr William Craig,

leader of the Vanguard Unionist

Party. The talks may lead to

plump for one of the two of May-June next year for direct elections to the European Parliament. There is a growing view, shared by shadow ministers, that the target date will not be met and is more than likely to be moved forward to the autumn of next year.

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Detention for supporter

Desmond Johnson, aged 17, a Tottenham Hotspur supporter from Edmonton, London, was sent by Birmingham magistrates yesterday to a detention centre for three months for possessing an offensive weapon, a kitchen knife.



Queen's birthday salute: A 62-gun salute being fired Shadow ministers certainly yesterday by the Royal Horse Artillery at the Tower of hold that view and it seems more than likely that the majority of the Cabinet will London to mark the Queen's fifty-first birthday.

The Cabinet is compelled to take a decision soon because of the shortage of parliamentary time this session if the Government is to meet the target date of May Inne part seem of the compelled to take a decision soon because of the shortage of partial part seem of the compelled to take a decision soon because of the shortage of parliamentary time this seem of the compelled to take a decision soon because of the shortage of parliamentary time this seem of the compelled to take a decision soon because of the shortage of parliamentary time this seem of the compelled to take a decision soon because of the shortage of parliamentary time this seem of the compelled to take a decision soon because of the shortage of parliamentary time this seem of the compelled to take a decision soon because of the compelled to take a de go on despite ban

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

An anti-fascist rally in north London against a march by the National Front is to go ahead tomorrow in spite of a ban

under an obscure by law.

The organizers said they had previously confirmed in writing permission to hold it and it was thousand people expected.

Mr Edward Knight, prospec-

tive Labour candidate for Hornsey, said yesterday that they were advised of the by-law only on Wednesday night. Mr Leonard Silverstone, a Haringey councillor, said it was disturbing that Mr Roy Limb, the council's chief executive, should make the decision without consulting councillors. Mr Silverstone said he would raise Mr Limb's action at a meeting of

the Labour group.

What irks the organizers is that Duckett's Common, where they are proposing to hold the rally, has been used for many years for such events. Yet, they say, the National Front is able to hold a march "in the next

The organizers are worried that they will be unable to direct people from a platform, and that the absence of direc-tion may lead to conflict. They quoted the National Front's bulletins as saying that the Hornsey, Tottenham and Wood Green area had been chosen for the march because "this part of London is particularly in-undated with immigrants."

The Front's march is seen by

its opponents as provocative. Councillor Collin Ware, leader of the Haringey council, said that the recreational services panel had rejected the use of the common by the National Front Subsequently, Councillor Frederick Knight, chairman, approved an application from the organizers of the anti-

fascist rally.

The police were told that there was a by-law which said that the common could not be used for public meetings and, he added, the chairman had Io withdraw his permission. The council might well not have invoked use of the by-law but for conflicting demands for the common which might have led

Lord Justice Scarman said

Mr Harrison, aged 24, put forward a justifiable complaint, that the judge at the Central Criminal Court had told the

jury that Mr Keay's evidence

The conviction was quashed

and Mr Harrison, of Hoxton

Street, Hackney, London, was

was, unreliable.

Pupils protest over Avon education cuts

About a thousand pupils left of their classrooms yesterday to protest against education cuts. Their teachers and parents joined them in a four-mile march from Harteliffe Comprehensive School, Bristol to the headquarters of Avon County

The demonstrators lobbied The demonstrators topolec councillors before holding a rally in Queen's Square. They were joined by hundreds of people from other schools, who presented 20 petitions to the

Kuiter's work from 195 entries from aspiring journalists and under 18 who were accord to write 750 words on a subject of their choice.

They said Mr Rutter's entry feelings known? it was our duty to make our feelings known."

Mr Norman Reece, chairman of Avon education committee, said: "There will be no reconsideration of the cucbacks despite the growing resemment. Avon is merely implementing, government policy."

Fire breaks out at Harrods

Firemen spent two hours yes-terday fighting a fire at Harrods in Knightsbridge, London.

Eight fire engines were called to the fire which damaged part of a boiler room.

well as writing potential. It won him a prize of 175. Lord Thomson's

house for sale Alderbourne Arches, near Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, home of the late Lord Thomson of Fleet, is for sale (our Estates Correspondent writes). The agents say that it may fetch about £250,000.

reas concerned at the sugges-tion that Wales might be left out. Pleid Cymru said that

dropping Wales would be be

Travas.

It was noted, however, that Mr Foot and Mr Morris did not rule out the possibility of two Bills. Mr Morris said that he wanted to kill off the sugges-

tion in the newspapers that the

Government planned to drop the

for the articles in The Times

and The Guardian. They are pure speculation. The Govern-ment and the party are com-

mitted to the propessis for de-

volution."
The idea that there might be

two Bills, and ther Scotland would get devolution first, dir

mays many devolution sis, whether in the Labour, Liberal

or Nationalist parties. The Welsh Labour Party would be especially embarrassed. Plaid Cymru would not be slow to

Cymru would not be slow to produce angry statements complaining of Labour treachery. Mr Callaghan and Mr Foot, representing Welsh constituencies; are sensitive to this.

But behind the angry responses, there would be a few devolutionists who would see advantages in two Bills. Some nationalists think that splitting the devolution legislation would drive, more people into Plaid

drive more geogie into Plaid Cymru, and that "apother broken Labour promise" would

be a good electoral device.

They think too that a Bill

for Wales alone might he better

drafted. They also think that Scotland would ger its assembly, that it would be seen to work,

and that more people in Wales

would come round to devolution.
That is the thinking of a

rinority, however. After years of work, most Welsh devolu-tionists would feel sore and cheated if Wales had to stand by while Schrland achieved its promised assembly.

Eirst winner of

memorial prize

The first winner of a com-period in memory of Mr William Hardcastle, the journa-list and broadcaster, is in Simon Rutter, aged 17, of Kenton, Newcastle upon Tyne, who is studying journalism at Darlington College of Tech-nology.

nology.
The judges, Mr Harold Evans,

editor of The Sunday Times, Mr Andrew Boyle of the BEC. ad Mr Amhony Howard, editor of

the New Statesman, chose Mr Rutter's work from 195 entries

Hardcastle

The idea of separate devolu-

The SNP's basic doubt about

"What the Government might

any form of Scottish assembly

on the grounds that it would lead to the break-up of the

United Kingdom.

Pro-devolution Conservatives

in Scotland considered two Bills
to be a possible ractic for the
Government but doubted
whether the Scottish legislation
could be put through in this
session. The party's attitude
would depend on what the Bill

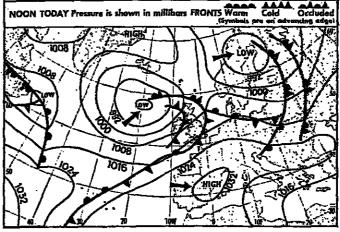
In Wales, nothing that Mr Foot said in the Commons, or that Mr Morris, Secretary of State for Wales, said in radio

and television interviews last night, did anything to end speculation that there might be

separate devolution Bills.
The Welsh Labour Party,

The pre-war, Spanish-style house has four reception rooms, six bedrooms, four bathrooms, a staff flat, indoor swimming pool and about 22 acres of

Weather forecast and recordings



Sun sets: 8.9 pm 5.51 am 5.51 am 8.9 pm SW England, S Wales, Channel Moon rises: Moon sets: Isles.—Cloudy, hill and coast fog, outbreaks of rain or drizzle; wind SW fresh, strengthening; max temp 12* to 14°C (54° to 57°F). 8.14 am 12.3 tomorrow First Quarter : April 26 Lighting up: 8.39 pm to 5.19 am.

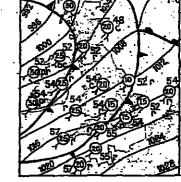
Pressure is low to the NW, while a SW airstream covers the

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ;

Lake District, Borders, NW England, N Wales, Edinburgh, Dundec, Glasgow, SW Scotland, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Cloudy, hill

of man, N ireisnd; cloudy, mu fog, rain at times, probably brighter but showery later; wind SW, fresh, strengthening; max temp 12° to 14°C (54° to 57°F).

Aberdeen, Contral Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly cloudy, hill fog, outbreaks of rain; wind mainly SW, fresh or strong; max temp 11° to 13°C (52° to 55°F).



Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW, fresh or strong; sea moderate to rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW, strong locally gale; sea rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 15°C (59°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 11°C (52°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 74 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.02ln. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.02ln. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 1,020.9 millibars, falling.

1,000 millibars 29.53in.

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aged 24, a father of two, was killed by gummen yesterday while walking in the Shanklin district. Two men with him were wounded.

The gunmen were in a car an amalgamation of the two parties, furthering the split within "loyalist" coalition.

escaped from Mountjoy prison that was later found abandoned

in Dublin by helicopter after in the Old Park area of the city.

from Portlaoise prison with 18 IRA funeral on Wednesday.

others. A man aged 19 died in that
attack: Mr John McBride, aged

The condition of the other
13 on hunger strike was said
yesterday to be deteriorating.
Fears have already been expressed about the condition of
Mr David O'Connell, a former
Chief of staff of the Provisional

Ex-minister in clash on immigration 'dole' pay Conservative members of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration clashed yesterday with Mr Alexander Lyon, MP, former Minister of State at the Home Office, over allegations of racketeering by would be immigrants from the Indian subcontinent. is proposed Formightly unemployment payments may replace weekly pay-outs in order to remove some of the burdens from social

Mr Dudley Smith asked him if he had found, like members of the committee recently in the subcontinent, that there was widespread deception, par-

for Social Services, has pur draft proposals before the National Insurance Advisory An official said last night:
"I would not say this is entirely due to the present number of unemployed. It is a move generally to ease operational difficulties.

Helicopter pilots

Representatives of the Bristow helicopter pilots intend to ask Mr Wedgwood Benn,

Secretary of State for Energy,

Secretary of State for Energy, to intervene in their dispute.

The company is accusing the 60 striking pilots of trying to wreck Bristow's Aberdeen operation.

The British Air Line Pilots' Association, which is supporting the action over the dismissal of a Bristow pilot, claims support from British Airways helicopter pilots, the National Union of Seamen, the Transport and General Workers' Union and others involved in North

and others involved in North

Sea oil production.

The dispute began seven days ago and 54 of the strikers have been given dismissal notices.

They are refusing to return until the notices are withdrawn and the men rejusceed.

and the men reinstated.
STUC support: Mr James

Milne, general secretary of the Scottish TUC, said yesterday

that congress representatives readier and a readier and a sive scheme of weekend to support the pilots (the Press Association reports).

plan appeal

to Mr Benn

ticularly in Bangladesh. Mr Lyon said he was under no illusion about fraud and deception in any immigration control in the world. It would be doubly true in the subcontinent. There was pressure to come to Britain and the cowed

could not get bits of paper, so they went for help to an agent. But that was a minor part of the total picture and not as important as the number of genuine immigrants who ought to gain entry. Asked by Mr Anthony Steen

about the use of bogus children by immigrants to practise tax frauds, Mr Lvon said it had been done on a considerable scale in the 1960s, but that was

There were several lessons to

be learne from the recent

agonizing affair" of Mentmore, Lady Birk, Parliamentary

Under-Secretary of State and minister with responsibility for

conservation at the Department of the Environment, said in

"First, we must have clear

ideas about national heritage

priorities since no government will ever be able to take more

than a few of the outstanding

houses that might come on the

market. Therefore these must be the most outstanding combination of house and contents and setting, and I shall be asking the Historic Buildings

Council to consider, with others, the best way of drawing up a league table."

Lady Birk also advocated a

readier and a more comprehen-sive scheme of financing acqui-sitions which were considered

Two railway bridges at Kilburn, north London, are to be rebuilt at a cost of £600,000 in an operation that will take 16 months, London Transport has

stated. Work will start next month on

the bridges which carry the

Metropolitan and Bakerloo lines over Kilburn High Road and Christchurch Avenue.

Lanarkshire people have

handed over two tons of unused

medicine, three quarters of it scheduled poisons valued at £40,000, to be destroyed by the area health board.

Irfan Sheikh, aged 19. a Uganda Asian refugee, has resigned after seven weeks as a

Asian quits as PC

Poisons handed over

Rail bridges to

be rebuilt

London last night.

standards in Britain and the anguish of those in the documentation.
On the subcontinent people queue to come to Britain. He had no doubt that the main loophole was overstaying by people in the country for a limited period.

Asked whether the number of immigrants likely to come from the Indian subcontinent was finite, Mr Lyon said that the commitment to wives and children and United Kingdom passport holders was finite, but not that to fiances, and that number was "well within our capacity to absorb." There was no

before the immigration decided to settle down in Britain with a commitment to it.

If an amnesty were offered now, many of them would come forward and pay money they owed.

The level of them would by itself, without any change of policy, have nearly ended by the beginning of the 1980s. There would then be left a few neople who came to work and

"Given the country's economic difficulties, the inability or reluctance of some owners, and the large sums needed for future purchases, I believe we must look increasingly for tripartite arrangements in which government, industry and commerce, and the public, through amenity societies or as individ-

amenity societies or as individ-uals, play their financial part.

Recriminations over Ment-more, she said, should not obscure "the very real strides made in conserving and protect-ing historic buildings". About a quarter of a million buildings

were protected by the listing legislation.

Lady Birk said a resurvey was updating the original list and more than 15,000 buildings were

to come to Britain and the Owed.

British Government had established a system of checking people, based on Civil Service laws by a small minority but the beginning of the 1980s.

The real story was not one There would then be left a few people, based on Civil Service laws by a small minority but those who came to marry.

Priorities to be considered

after Mentmore case

Court frees man cleared by victim of stabbing

Kenneth Harrison spent Keay had exonerated him and more than six months in had told the jury how Mr Harprison on a stabbing charge, rison did what he could to despite evidence from the vichelp him after the stabbing. tim that he was not the attacker, the Court of Appeal

was rold yesterday.

A jury at the Central Criminal Court convicted Mr Harrison last September and he was sentenced to six years for wounding Mr Robert Keay during a street fight involving a number of men. The Court of

Appeal freed Mr Harrison yes Street, Hac terday after hearing that Mr discharged.

12 old people die in virus illness outbreak

Twelve patients in the old people's wing of Avonside Hospital. Evesham, Hereford and Worcester, have died during the past week from a suspected influenza type virus, it was disclosed vertexter. closed yesterday.

At the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, Mr Sydney Smith, aged 81, died on Wednesday night. He was one of 22 people at an old needed. old people's home in Clasper where a gastric illness broke out last weekend.

Mr Smith was one of four elderly people taken to hospital. Of the other three, two were

Wonderland world, page 4 third was improving.

Closer health authority links with councils

The move reflects his conviction that the present division of responsibilities does not make sense, and a hope that in any further reorganization affecting health and local authority services, the line be-

not seeking to make any dras-tic changes in the next few years, he hopes they will eventually come under a single authority, perhaps in the light of whatever recommendations are made by the Royal Com-mission on the National Health

versity roday he will announce a reluxation of rules governing arrangements under which £21m is being provided to health authorities this year for projects financed jointly with local authorities. In par--ricular, if the local authority and health authority agree, it will be possible, in exceptional circumstances, to use joint financing to support primary

being added each year. Nearly £3m would be available this year for government grants for the repair of historic buildings and a further £1.6m for work in conservation areas.

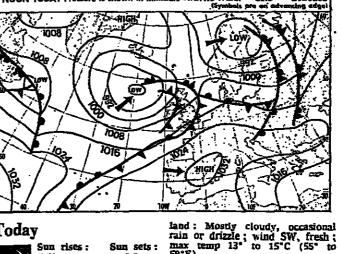
In a speech at Exeter Uni-

By Our Social Policy Correspondent

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, is to announce today a strengthening of arrangements whereby local authorities and health authorities are encouraged to

tween them will be removed. He has made clear that, while

health care projects, such as health centres. The mnister has also decided to allow the joint funding arrangements to be used to help voluntary organizations, again provided that the health and local authorities agree. There is to be greater flexibility over the amount of cash the local authority is required to put into a particular project, and about the length of time that joint financing money is for runging costs.



Today

Lighting up: 8.39 pm to 5.19 am. High water: Loudon Bridge, 4.53 am, 7.0m (2.9ft); 5.9 pm, 6.9m (22.8ft). Avonmouth, 10.18 am, 12.5m (40.9ft); 10.21 pm, 12.3m (40.5ft). Dover, 1.54 am, 6.3m (20.8ft); 2.8 pm, 6.3m (20.6ft). Hull, 9.5 am, 6.9m (22.5ft); 9.23 pm, 6.7m (21.9ft). Liverpool, 2.4 am, 8.7m (28.6ft); 2.20 pm, 8.5m (28.0ft).

while a SW airstream covers the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: 55°F).

London, East Anglia, SE England: Rather cloudy, but mostly dry; wind SW, fresh; max temp 11° to 13°C (52° to 000 of 10°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Changeable, sunny intervals and showers, but perhaps a longer outbreak of rain in the W later on Sunday.

resigned after seven weeks as a constable with Derbyshire police, because "publicity for his appointment made life too difficult for him."

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The last few years have not, to put it mildly, been good ones for the British economy.

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Student increase of a third in 10 years is forecast by dons

A growing demand for higher education from women and mature students will increase university student numbers by at least a third during the next 10 years in spite of a decline in the population of 18-year-olds, the Association of Univer-sity Teachers said yesterday. Its forecast of 364,000 full-

time undergraduate students in 1985-86, compared with 272,892 in the current year, is based on in the current year, is "based on known government policies and existing trends ".

The association says that the sharp drop in the 18-year-old population after the girthrate neak of 1965-66 did not affect the steady increase in full-time students during the late sixties. The numbers continued to rise from 140,000 in 1965-66 to 180,000 in 1969-70, in spite of a fall in the 18-year-old population during the same period from 906,000 to 741,000.

The number of women enter-The number of women entering universities has risen during Teachers. United House. 1 Penthe past 15 years at more than bridge Road, London, W.11.

association says. The number of female undergraduates rose from 22,838 in 1960-61 to 79, 182 in 1976-77 (an increase of 246 per cent), while the number of male students rose from 67.025 to 143,710 (an increase of 114 per cent).

If the trend continues, it is

Mentmore, Lord Rosebery's Buckinghamshire mansion, with its splendid art collection, is to go under Sotheby's hammer in likely that the female participathe "sale of the century" next tion rate in higher education month. will soon equal that of men, the Many had wanted it to be association says. By 1987-88 it estimates that there will be saved for the nation and the land fund seemed the ideal 116.000 full-time undergraduate

instrument for doing so but female students and 122,000 inquiries have shown that not male students of United Kingonly is it inadequate for the dom origin under the age of task but it barely exists, except as an accounting device The number of mature stuin the Exchequer's books. dents those over 25), entering The fund was set up under the Finance Act, 1946, with the higher education has rapidly during the past decade to a total 12,156 in 1974-75. By 1982-83 marure student entry could be about 20,000, the

idea of opening the countryside to the people. It is controlled by the Treasury, which can use it to acquire national heritage property in lieu of death duties, and for other similar purposes laid down by Parlia-

Social Policy Correspondent

The Mentmore Towers affair has brought to the fore the confusing nature of the National Land Fund. It is a

mysterious entity that has

puzzled most of those who have

encountered it since its creation

30 vears ago.

It stands at nearly £18m, at least six times more than the maximum outlay asked of the state in the deal offered by Lord Rosebery. But the Government felt unable to provide more than £1m, and even that sum was agreed to by the Treasury only on condition that the Department of the Environment should make an equivalent cut in spending elsewhere. In such circumstances MPs and peers have been question-ing whether the fund has any real meaning.

Mr Hugh Dalton, who as Chancellor of the Exchequer announced the creation of the fund in his Budget speech of 1946, clearly intended a speci-fic role for it. He said he had decided to allocate to it £50m revenue from the sale of surplus war stores.

The Mentmore Towers controversy has underlined the difficulties of finding a large amount of public money to preserve a 'national heritage'

not happen. What happened when the National Land Fund was set

up was that the Exchequer lent itself \$50m. That was the reality

of what the right hon gentleman the Member for Bishop Anckland

particular purpose, is non-existent. It is not merely inert; It is abso-lutely non-existen:

interest credited to the fund

was as unreal as the paper debt

on which it had accrued:

All that had happened, he

had been raised in taxation as required for the service of the

debt and been devoted to the extinction of that amount of the

national debt, while a corres-

ponding addition had been made

to the paper amount of the

It was only when the fund was brought into use that real

money was required, to reim-burse either the Inland Revenue

land fund.

case for

By Michael Baily

public transport.

fares freeze

Transport Correspondent .

Nearly a thousand transport

workers and members of

amenity groups marched on

Westminster yesterday in a

lobby for more support for

Led by Mr Jack Jones,

general secretary of the Trans-

port and General Workers'

Union, and Mr James Daly, of

the Greater London Council,

they were met by Mr Rodgers,

Secretary of State for Trans-

port, who, with his transport

policy statement due next

month, was welcoming but inscrutable. Mr Jones said after-

wards that Mr Rodgers had been "highly sympathetic" to the lobby's plea for a freeze-on fares and no more cuts in

At a rally in Central Hall

Westminster, earlier Mr Jones

criticized the Government for

cutting subsidies and letting fares rise. "The contribution

public transport makes to our economy must be considered in

the context of industrial strategy", he said. "People must be able to afford to travel to the places where their labour

"Fare rises had been an important part in the rise in the cost of living. These increases can only mean fewer services, misery to people who rely on public transport, and

the ultimate destruction of our

cutting the subsidy to South

Yorkshire, where the county council is pursuing a cheap fares policy contrary to ministerial policy. "The Government is absolutely wrong

in this. They are pursuing a policy that is anti-social and in direct opposition to the policies of the TUC and the Labour Party. They should have congratulated South Yorkshire and

given them an extra subsidy", he said.

public transport system. Mr Jones particularly attacked the Government for

bus and train services.

is most needed.

aid, was that about £1m a year

Mr Powell argued that the

He said:

Enigma of Mr Dalton's financial creation for preserving the gracious life

"It was fitting that we arguing that they had nothing would make through this fund to complain about because in should make through this fund a thanks-offering for victory and a war memorial", he said

It had seemed desirable and appropriate to set aside some of the war stores money "so that, by various means, the beauty of England, the famous historical houses, the wonderful stretches of still unspoilt open country, might be preserved in the future, and that gradually, in other ways also, the gracious life . . . might increasingly become part of the heritage of us all."

In fact, his Finance Act provided the £50m from central funds, to which the sale of war stores had contributed, rather than from any specifically earmarked revenue.

The Treasury, which had the power under the Act to deal with this allocation as it saw fit, invested it in government securities. The £50m therefore stayed with the Government and was not rated as expenditure at that time. It was credited to the fund, then borrowed back by the Treasury as an investment in Treasury bonds. Little was spent from the fund and little was heard of it

for several years. Then, in 1957, when its nominal value had £60m because interest, £50m of it was written Government.

for estate duty forgone, or the Minister of Works (now the Secretary of State for the En-The task of justifying that move fell to Mr Enoch Powell, vironment) for expenditure he incurred in the purchase of hoswhen he was Financial Secretary to the Treasury. He con-founded his opponents by

obtained, Mr Powell argued, by borrowing from the public itself the fund did not exist. through the sale to the public of government securities. To have an understanding of what

So the writing off of £50m did the clause (reducing the value of the fund) does, it is necessary to realize what happened in 1946.

and, more particularly, what did not involve any real loss to this non-existent fund but merely a method of reducing the size of its potential existence, ensuring that renewed authority from Parliament would have to be sought if bigger sums were to be borrowed the Member for Bishop Anckland (Mr Dalton) described as his "prudent budgeting years ago". In 1946, a year in which the national debt was increased by about £500m, the Exchequer created a paper fund by lending itself £50m. The fund in itself, until it comes to be used for any particular ournose is non-existent. and spent. Mr Dalton replied in the

same debate:

The fund has as real an existence as any other financial operation of the Government. If they are all nonsense, and none has any reality, as a philosopher now turned into a jundor minister tried to prove today, that may be in line with certain metaphysical december. npe with certain meraphysical doctrines; but that applies to this fund no more than to many other of the multitude of financial operations which pass muster in the House from time to time.

In the 20 years since that debate the fund has continued

to grow, albeit in an Alice in Wonderland fashion, and the present market value of its assets is about £17,725,000. In 1975-76, £579,000 was spent. But in the financial year just ended payments of £2,143,000 were made. That was more than at any time in the fund's pre-vious history and exceeded its receipts of £1,740,000.

The Treasury says that up-irge occurred mainly because more important preeminent works of art are being offered in lieu of death duties after a change in the provisions in 1975. Nearly three quarters of The money then had to be spending made in the name of

Workers put | Seven years for £2m

salesman, was sentenced at the

Central Criminal Court yester-

day to seven years' imprison-

ment for a £2m currency theft

from Heathrow airport, London,

last June. Judge Miskin, QC,

the recorder, said nearly all the

Mr Franciosy was given an

sentence imposed

additional six-month sentence as he was in breach of a six-

handling stolen goods in 1975.

Barnes, London, was said to have committed the theft with a

man called Stephen Raymond, who is in custody in Switzer-

Sacheverell Houghton, aged

36, of Stanlake Park, Twyford, Berkshire, who was enlisted to

help Mr Franciosy to get some of the stolen money out of the

country, was sentenced to five years' jail. He had been found

Reginald Pitteway, "a devoted husband" strangled his wife when she told him with

was having an affair with another man and taunted him about his sexual prowess, it was stated at Reading Crown

Sitwell antiques

More than £11,000 of antiques,

silverware and porcelain, stolen in a raid on the home of Sir

Sacheverell Sirwell, the author,

ar Weston by Weedon, North-amptonshire, last weekend, has been recovered from a field in the Thames Valley police dis-

trict.
The police believe London-based professional thieves were

recovered

responsible.

Two years for

land.

Mr Franciosy, of Castlenau,

money had been recovered.

theft at airport

Stephen Franciosy, aged 30, a guilty of dishonestly receiving

Alice-in-Wonderland world of the National Land Fund

About a tenth of the total is accounted for by the acceptance of landed properties in ken of duty; and about 15 per centres to reimburse the Secretaries of State for Scotland taries of State for Scotland, Wales and the Environment for expenses they incur in the acquisition of outstanding buildings and their contents.

Although the Government insists that the fund really does exist, Mr Powell's analysis still holds sway in that expenditure from the fund is deemed to mean an increase in the public sector borrowing requirement. Some of the Treasury bonds have to be sold, so that instead of nominally owing the money to the fund a real borrowing is made from the public.

At the same time payments from the land fund involve the Government in spending money to acquire property from the private sector, and are there-fore classified as public expen-diture, to be contained as far as possible within the allocations set out in the public spending White Paper.

With strict control being applied over government borrowing and spending, the fund's value as a large reserve for contingencies such as Mentanore

Indeed, the interpretation put on its status from the start, with the decision not to rate it as government expenditure until a call was made on it, seems to have meant that is never had any such value.

As Mr Jo Grimond, Liberal MP for Orkney and Shetland, once remarked, it appears to be entirely a bookkeeping transaction, indicative of a favourable intention but with no more substance than the grin on the face

some of the foreign currency.

The jury found Mr Francios

guilty on four counts of theft. Mrs Catherine Kenna-Rhiando.

aged 26, of Stanley Park, Twy-ford, a friend of Mr Houghton,

denied dishonestly receiving some of the money stolen. She was found guilty and will be sentenced today but the judge said it would not be a custodial

Michael Darbinson, aged 29, also of Stanley Park, was acquitted of receiving some of the stolen money. The jury were told he had driven the car

used in the theft back to Heath-

row airport: Mrs Roishan Bunyan, aged 27,

of Bloomsbury Close, Acton, London, a former friend of Mr

Franciosy, was given a six-

month prison sentence, sus-pended for two years, and fined £300 after she had pleaded

guilty to receiving some of the stolen money.

Millions of children watch adult television

By Kenneth Gosling A study of children's telen a study or change a trace sion viewing habits, based or questionnaires answered by 90 schoolchildren, concludes the millions in the 11-15 age group are watching programme classed by the broadcasting authorities as "adult".

The National Viewers The National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, which carried out the survey, also concludes that it is unfair at hold schools responsible to the extent that they are for the breakdown of discipline and the increase in violence. "Such styles and behaviour", the association says are constantly seen on the screen night after night and

accepted there as normal even entertaining." When asked what grammes they wanted to see more of, the children listed comedies, pop music and my teries and thrillers as their up three. Love and romance and war and adventure were we down the list.

A synopsis of the results showed that in almost half their homes viewing was unrestricted, regardless of the type of programme or suitability for family viewing. In two out of three homes control was exer-cised for those of 16, but there was less for younger children. Three our of four children aged 11-13 were still watching after 9 pm and more than 2

third after 10 pm. Television was on before 5 pm in most homes and before 6 pm in four out of five. Hours spent watching during

the week decreased signifi-cantly with increased age: an average of 27 hours for 11-13 year olds, 23 for 14-16s, and 14 for 17-19s. Maximum viewing periods of up to 50 hours a week were often quoted, the report says.

Girls watched less than boys and were more easily fright-ened by horror films, thrillers and distressing documentaries. More than half the children questioned believed that they were aware of being in fluenced by commercials.

The association says there needs to be a united, consistent demand for a change of policy from parents, organiza-tions, Parliament and the churches.

Report on School Children's Victoring Habits (National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, Archeigh, Colchester, Essex, 50p).

Man lived on girl's prostitution

Nigel Selter, aged 21, ap-peared at Southend Magistrates' Court, Essex, yesterday accused of living on the immoral earn-ings of a girl named in an inquiry at an Essex youth treatment centre. Mr Salter, Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, pleaded guilty to the charge concerning Miss Julie Hilk, aged 18, with whom he lives. He was fined £50 with £10 costs.

Family doctor challenges law on punishing incest

Incest should no longer be a criminal offence, Dr Douglas Acres, a family doctor and magistrate, suggested yester-

So the incest law protects only the consenting female of normal intelligence who is over 16, Dr Acres says.

He is a family doctor at Ben-fleet, Essex, and has three daughters and describes himself

He is vice-chairman of the treatment of offenders' com-mittee of the Magistrates' Asso-

Writing in the medical news-

giving evidence.

was stated at Resumg Crown Court on Wednesday.

Mr Pitteway, of Vine Road, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, was jailed for two years for manslaughter after the court accepted his plea of not guilty paper, Pulse, Dr Acres says that some innocent men may have pleaded guilty to the charge to protect their daughters from

Children under 16, the mentally subpormal and those who do not consent are all protected

"a professing Christian".

Wives had reported on hus-bands to land them in prison, having encouraged the offence in the first place, he writes.

from incest by other laws covering rape and under the Sexual Offences Act.

He finds incest abhorrent, but

if a law leads in even a few cases to an innocent man pleading guilty, it should at least be questioned, he says. "The present law is liable to lead to a number of injustices."
Dr Acres also challenges the accepted wiew that children

born from parents who are first-degree relatives run a high risk of mental retardation.
It is "quite impossible" to substantiate that claim, he says, because no one knows how many children are born as a result of such unions.

He emphasizes that he is not saving that incest is a good thing

thing.
"What I do say is that any
possible advantages which the law may have in protecting certain women are more than neutralized by the possible abuses to which it can be put."

Service training centres for the road back to work From John Chartres

The work of two lesser-known units of the British Armed Forces, 1 and 2 Resett-lement Centres, is taking on an increased importance defence cuts make their impact and more Servicemen and women become redundant.

Aldershot respectively, maintain that they are coping with the increased load and that no one will be turned away from their highly popular courses varying from bricklaying to shorthand, much unpaid overtime is being worked at both

Information about the Services' arrangements for "con-trolled reentry" to civilian life, either at the end of a normal fixed period engagement or because of redundancies, is now provided as part of the general sales package at recruiting centres, to offset the loss of the security aspect of a Service career brought about by recent defence cuts.

The subject is then discreetly dropped until about two years before the date of probable discharge, when a gradual process of reintroducing the Service man or woman career begins.
Department of

Employment representatives and potential employers are viour at interviews.

In the last six monnts of service choices are offered of

four-week courses at one of the resettlement centres or at Although the small group of the resettlement centres or at Royal Army Education Corps polytechnics or other civilian officers running the two teaching establishments; or of centres, based at Catterick and a month's work on Service pay teaching establishments; or of a month's work on Service pay in e civilian firm.

women of all ranks from all three Services each year choose the courses at the resembement centres, the present proportion being about half from the Army, two-fifths from the RAF and a tenth from the Royal Navy.
One of the features of both
resertlement centres is that

civilian clothes are worn, rank titles are dropped (generals have been known to work alongside corporals and occasionally receive the rough edge of the latters' tongues) and the only clue to the Service identity of a student hanging wallpaper or stripping down a farm tractor engine is the colour of his or her overalls.

During my recent visit to the Catterick centre Squadron Leader William Hayward and Sergeant Paul Brattle, of The Staffordshire Regiment, told me, while wiping joints in the

and potential employers are arranged within units, opportunities provided for sandwich all respects. In the carpentry and correspondence courses, workshop Colonel Mary and training offered in wisting Marsh, of Queen Alexandra's application letters and behaviour at interviews.

To the last six monutes of the first test piece in house maintenance course they pin as her first test piece in order to maintain sexual equa-lity in an otherwise all-male The courses at Catterick fall

under three main headings. First there are those offering general instruction on aspects of civilian life that Service people have either been shel-tered from or lost touch with. They include taxation and rating procedures and more mun-dane matters such as home decorating-few Service people have learnt the hard way how to strip wallpaper, unblock drains or paint ceilings, since such ugly tasks are usually done for them.

Secondly there are trade and commercial courses in such subjects as welding, motor engineering and office manage-ment, most of them intended as introductions to longer courses proffered through the various Department of Employment's training opportunities

Thirdly there are introduc-tions to such outlets as the Civil Service, police, and the prison and fire services. In all cases the closest liaison

maintained with tions—representatives of the Department of Employment's training services agency are in almost constant attendance; 17 police forces send teams to open days during each course, would be prison officers are open days during each course, would be prison officers are given the chance to see the insides of various types of jail before finally deciding upon this particularly demanding second career, and many private employers find the men they want for specific jobs.

Although there are no formal statistics on how their students fare in the outside world, the staff of the Catterick centre receive a steady flow of letters from satisfied customers and express confidence that, even in the present market, Service-men stand a high chance of employment because of the

employment because of the special qualities they acquire. The instructors, who are all civilians except the commandant and chief instructor (at Catterick Lieutenant-Colonel Donald Horner and Major John Western), say their jobs are rewarding. Since all students are anxious to learn, imposed discipline is seldom, if ever, necessary.

The Services have, of course, found one of those military words to sum up the activities of a resettlement centre. "We

of a resettlement centre. "We are the interface' between and civilian Colonel Horner said.

Atom plant Surgeons say NHS expansion is approved

Four applications for develop-ing plans for "magnox" fuel at the British Nuclear Fuels plant at Windscale, Cumbria, were approved by Cumbria County Council Town and County Planning Committee yesterday. They provide for six large storage tanks and processing units, a research building.

changing rooms and a sub-A new application for storage facilities for oxide fuel also went before the committee. It is connected with the proposed oxide reprocessing plant, which is to be the subject of a public inquiry on June 14 at White-baven. The result is expected

Five fined for plot to defraud

tourist board Four East Anglian men were fined and received suspended prison sentences at Norwich Crown Court yesterday for their involvement with Geoffrey Leonard Allen, a Norfolk property dealer, in conspiracies to defraud the English Tourist Roard A fifth man was fined Board. A fifth man was fined. Brian Prentice, aged 39, of Windermere Road, Stowmarket; Derek Owen, aged 35, of Carlton Avenue, Kesgrave, both Suffolk; and Colin Leech, aged 43, of Sycamore Road, Stowmarker, received six-month sentences suspended for two years and £200 fines. They are all directors of a heating company.

John Smy, aged 32, a roof John Smy, aged 32, a root tiler, of Church Road, Griston, Norfolk, received a six-month sentence, suspended for two years, and was fined £150 and Denis Chapman, aged 48, a carpenter, of Brandon, Suffolk, was fined £100.

Mr Justice Gibson said the fraud was based on the English Tourist Board's power to help to improve tourist facilities. Mr Allen, who was also in the dock during the trial, will be sentenced after a further trial of his son, a solicitor, and Mr Smy's wife, who have denied conspiracy to defraud

Six-hour chicken

About 40 chickens were captured by RSPCA inspectors yesterday after dozens fell off a lorry between Clevedon and the Avon bridge on the M5, near

The lorry driver continued his journey unaware of the incident.

chase on M5

Two inspectors spent six hours rescuing the chickens.

Spending machine How universities and polytech-nics draw up and negotiate their annual budget is examined in a four-page special report in The Times Higher Education Supplement today. Also, Pro-fessor Elliott Jaques puts the case for industrial democracy.

is wasteful The National Health Service

association suggests.

University Student

should get far better value for the money it spends, the Royal College of Surgeons has told the Royal Commission on the National Health Service. Top-heavy management, too nuch paper work, too many

committees, no incentive for doctors and others to save money, have led to waste and extravagance, the college says. "The resources that are now available to the NHS are not economically used. If they were, many of the problems that now face those whose direct concern is with the treatment of pati-ems could be solved."

The college advocates many

changes in the system. Its proposals recommend the end of area health authorities and the setting up of a health commission to run the service. Financial control would be more

flexible to encourage hospitals to save cash. Doctors would be expected to audit what they do more care-fully, abandoning ineffective fully, procedures, improving drug usage and eliminating superflu-

ous rests. absurdly machinery that has been erected to control expenditure wastes many times more than it could ever save; and the desire to allow everybody to interfere prevents progress from being

Consensus management has failed, the college says. Individuals with the best interests of patients at heart should be given the authority to work together and deliver the ser-

The college suggests that the Secretary of State for Social Services should determine only overall policy, and conditions of

Isle of Man phasing out use of birch

From Our Correspondent

The Isle of Man is gradually phasing out its controversial use of the birch, but it will be kept for crimes of violence

against the person.

The move is a response to the pressure being brought on the Manx Government by the British Government and the European Commission of European Commission of Human Rights. Manx MPs in sist that "judicial whipping" should be retained for violent

The process being carried out under a series of Bilis going before the House of Keys, which bring about comprehensive reform of Manx criminal law and phase out criminal law, and phase out birching at the same time. The first was the Criminal Damage Bill, now awaiting its third reading, and the second, the theft Bill, was published yes-

Criminal Damage Bill, Mr A. Moore (North Douglas, Lab), said: "Eventually, birching will not apply in cases of stealing or damage to property. It is a way of trying to compromise with Whitehall and Strasbourg." They did not believe, however, that the right to use the birch for crimes of violence against the person should be taken away from them if they

wished to keep it. Charges alleging that birch ing is in contravention of the Human Rights Convention are to go before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg later this year.

Policemen leaving Members of the Essex police force are leaving to take up less exacting but more financially rewarding jobs like milk delivery, Sir John Nightingale, the county's chief constable,

terday. the county's chief const The MP in charge of the says in his annual report. BBC takes first steps towards common

multilingual European radio service

A European news and current affairs programme, to be broadcast three times a day in three languages from London, may begin late next year or early in

Each nation taking part would pay its own transmission costs the total would exceed £1.5m a year—and the undertaking would be run by a managing body with two representatives from each national organization. First details of the project were given yesterday by Mr Gerard Mansell, managing director of BBC external broadcasting. Negotiations, he said, had begun last autumn : a key event in their progress was a speech made on April 1 by M Barre, the French Prime Minister, who told a meeting of the European Broadcasting Union that Europe

existed in terms of radio. He looked forward, he said, to the emergence of a genuine European radio which would enlighten public opinion.
The BBC has been thinking on similar lines. Its own broad-

casts to Europe in French and

German cost between £600,000 and £700,000 a year.

If that were matched by similar contributions by the other two main partners, France and

West Germany, a "pretty credit-able service" could be launched, being heard initially by about two thirds of the population of the European Community. Mr Mansell said the Foreign office was being kept fully informed about the project and was watching their efforts with sympathy and understanding.

"We are moving towards a situation in which, instead of

Britain addressing Europe from the outside, it is allowing its voice to be heard with others as a member of the European Community." There are still wavelengths to e decided; however, a basis for the new service has been established and all the potential partners are embusiastic.

Resources of the various national broadcasting organizations would be pooled, providing one service in English, French, German, and possibly Italian radio coverage of Euro-

pean affairs to Europe.

Each day, seven days a week, several sequences are planned at peak broadcasting hours, with half an hour in each language early in the morning and 45 minutes at lunchetime and in the early morning. Each sequence would have the same structure, a news bulletin followed by a current affairs programme. The BBC's enthusiasm to push ahead with a multilingual radio

ahead with a multilingual radio service is spurred by their feeling that the cooperative arrangement between The Times Le Monde, La Stampa and Die Welt (which between them produce "Europa") is still a mere drop in an ocean of indifference and ignorance. The public senerally it feels The public generally, it feels, would continue to take its cue from the national media, which remain rooted in national atti-

tudes when they are not becoming increasingly parochial.

The BBC won its argument that, having broadcast to Eur-ope since 1938 and acquired a reputation for public service broadcasting, it was well placed to take the initiative and to have the service based in Britain.

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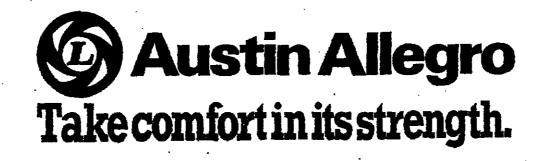
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intensify holiday war

By Patricia Tisdall

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ently.

The battle for cheap air faces has intensified as other

tour operators consider follow-ing this week's lead by Thom-

son Holidays in setting up a

programme of cheap air charter fares accompanied by a

The accommodation charge

pays lip service to the regula-tions controlling inclusive holi-

days, but is intended for holi-

daymakers travelling independ-

The fares, effective from May 1, are lower than anything offered by the scheduled airlines, including British Airways whose advance purchase

excursion and group tariffs

started the present phase in

A return flight to Nice costs between £39 and £49 under the

Thomson programme, against £108 for the British Airways six-day excursion ticket. The Thomson fare to Alicante ranges between £39 and £49

return, against £61 for the BA

group fare which is the chea-pest the airline offers to the general public. Rome on a

Thomson ticket costs between

£45 and £59 while the British

Airways Apex ticket costs

charge of £1 for

Pressure on Cabinet to | 140 more allow miners £20 productivity deal

By Paul Rouriedge

Labour Editor Mr Callaghan and senior Cabinet ministers met TUC leaders last night to discuss the future of the social contract and the prospects for pay when the present voluntary wage curbs end in just over three

The Downing Street talks took place shortly after Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, disclosed that his industry was working on the revival of a local pro-ductivity scheme that would be giving rises of about £20 a week had it been introduced three

Ministers have been urged by the coal board, the National Union of Minerworkers, and pit constituency MPs to allow a colliery incentive scheme to

This latest pressure on the Cabinet to allow wide flexibility in pay arrangements to follow phase two of the incomes policy came after Wednesday's rejection by the Scottish TUC of the miners' demand for a restoration of free colective bargain-

But Mr Jack Jones, leader of the Transport and General Workers' Union, is understood to have warned the Prime Minister that the orderly return to voluntary pay negotiations proposed by the TUC should not pat an upper limit on wage

The coal board is convinced that an incentive scheme of the right kind will be self-financing and not inflatioary because the offset by revenue from extra coal Miners' leaders will con-sider the issue on May 12.

Narrow majority in favour of wage restraint

By Our Labour Staff Journalists voted by a narrow majority yesterday for a moderate line on continued pay restraint. The decision at the National Union of Journalists' conference in Ilkley, puts the union firmly behind the TUC's policy for a planned return to free collective bargaining.

Mr Kenneth Morgan, the general secretary, warned delegates against supporting "an uncontrolled, explosive lifting of restraint". The narrowness of the vote, 149 to 141, left no

several hours with union leaders at a working dinner before travelling to address the Welsh TUC today, when he is expected to drive bome the Government's view that a third year of pay restraint is impera-tive to assist British industry out of the economic doldrums.

The NUM has not yet approved a claim to go to the coal board, but the board has impressed on Mr Benn, the Secre-tary of State for Energy, Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment and the Chancellor, the need to build in to phase three scope for the miners to earn more with greater output.

Sir Derek said yesterday: "If we don't get the short-term motivation right we shall be in serious difficulty." Coal board experts calculate that such an incentive scheme could win wide acceptance in the coalfield and lift deep-mined production by at least to a tenth to 110m tons this year.

But the miners are thinking in terms of about £24 a week more to bring their wages close to the £100 mark demanded by the militants during the past

Scottish concern: Delegates to the Scottish TUC in Rothesay yesterday carried an emergency motion expressing "deep regret and concern" that the Chanceland concern " that the Chancel-lor had paid little heed to trades union views when he drafted his last Budget (the Press Association reports).

The resolution, carried unani-mously, said the making of tax changes conditional on a third stage of the social contract was "utterly unacceptable".

Midlands journalists Stop Work From Christopher Thomas

Labour Reporter

Ilkley Journalists employed by East Midlands Allied Press bar-dened their industrial action yesterday as the management said that it would continue to publish all 24 titles.

In line with an instruction from the National Union of Journalists' conference in Ilkley 140 members employed by the group stopped work yesterday in support of 60 colleagues nearly five months.

The 60 are refusing to work alongside nine people who joined the rival Institute of Journalists (IOJ) during a dispute over fringe benefits, which has been settled. All NUJ members involved are

getting dispute pay equivalent to normal take-home wages.

Mr John Eaves, father of the chapel (office section chair-man) of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel at the group's Kettering works, said yesterday that his head office had instructed them to work normally.

Mr Alastair Milne father of the composing room chapel of the National Graphical Association at the group's Peter-borough works, said he was

awairing guidance.

Mr John Ryan, managing director of the group's two evening newspapers, said yesterday that editors were still working and he was confident that all publications could be produced indefinitely, although some might have to be reduced in size.

ly, said the making of tax less conditional on a third of the social contract was rrly unacceptable".

Coal board profit, page 21

Union condemns moves to deport Americans overseas origins unless and

By Our Labour Staff
The National Union of Journalists in conference at Ilkley,
West Yorkshire, yesterday,
ununimously condemned moves to deport two American jour-nalists, Mr Mark Hosenball and Mr Philip Agee, "for sec-ret, unstated, and uncertain

Mr Kenneth Morgan, the general secretary, said no one proved they were guilty of anything. Neither had been told of what he was accused nor given an opportunity of clearing himself

until a specific criminal offence is proven."

Two other journalists who had been involved in related work for Time Out, for which Mr. Hosenball wrote, were charged under the Official Secrets Act, along with a former soldier. The union has called a day of action on Tuesday when the cases are heard, involving a march and a demonstration offence is proven". a march and a demonstration outside Tottenham Magistrates'

approved a motion deploring and destesting the action of the Special Branch in removdoubt about the extent of feeling against continued restrictions.

Mr Morgan urged priority for the lower paid; restoration and redefinition of differentials; and reward for productivity.

Clearing himself approved a motion deploring and destesting the action of the Special Branch in removers to prevent the expulsions and to ensure that no such discriminatory action is ever taken in future against journalists with lists to be prosecuted.

Butter subsidy opposed on health grounds

Economic Community should of Britain's lack of a coorstop, Dr Richard Turner, dinated food policy which paid senior fellow in Preventive heed to dietare needs senior fellow in Preventive Cardiology at Edinburgh University, said yesterday. He called on Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, to oppose the subsidy since, he nd, there was strong evidence of a link between heart disease and consumption of saturated

ioins racial

By Our Home Affairs

Correspondent

equality board

The following appointments

to the Commission for Racial Equality were announced by Mr

llamentary written answer yes-terday. They are part-time and initially for two years.

Mrs Juliet Cheetham, lecturer in applied social studies, Oxford University; Mr Frank Cummins, headmaster of Thomas Telford School, Sandwell, West Midlands; Mr Tom Jackson, general secretary, Union of Post Office Workers; Mrs Anowara Jahan, liaison afficer A time Control Fischery.

kers; Mrs Anowara Jahan, liaison officer, Asian Centre, Finsbury Park, London; Mr A. Laws, director, Brixton Neighbourhood Community Association, London; Mr William Morris, district secretary, Fransport and General Workers' Union, Southampton; Mr R. J. Ramsey, director of industrial relations, Ford Motor Company; Miss Gwenneth M. Rickus, director of education, London Borough of Brent; Dr Preetam Singh, QC,

of Brent; Dr Preetam Singh, QC, harrister; Mr A. N. Wilson, group personnel director, Tootal.

The appointments will take effect from April 28 when the

under the new Race Relations

Act. It will initially be con-cerned with preparing for the

new law to come into effect on June 13.

A further appointment is to

be announced. The appointments of Mr David Lane as

chairman of the commission and Mr Clifton Robinson, Mr Pran

Lal Sheth and Mr Bashir Maan

as deputy chairmen were an-

nounced last January.

He was speaking at a con-ference in London organized

and largely financed by Van pound. Den Berghs and Jurgens, a Unilever company which sup-plies more than half of the margarine eaten in England. Hard bargaining on the butter subsidy resumed yesterday Policy.

By Hugh Clayton "This butter subsidy is a when Mr Silkin, Minister of British efforts to get a butt- terrible thing", Dr Turner Agriculture, met Mr Olav Guner subsidy from the European said It was a prime around delect. FFC commissions of farming and fisheries. Mr Sil-kin offered a cut in the cost to the EEC of restraining food prices in Britain in return for a butter subsidy of 81p a

> Dr Turner said that by asking for a subsidy the Government was going against the advice of its own Committee on Medical Aspects of Food

Court, London. The conference unanimously

> Users of the new scheme The cheap fare offers are must arrange their own accomintended to fill seats on they are acting as the letting expected to be between a tenth agent for the owner of the and a fifth below those for last

accommodation listed. Although the scheme is intended for travellers visiting operators, Thomson and Horifriends or renting villas, hotel zon Midlands expect to carry and pension users are not more passengers this year than excluded. There is no require- last according to recent figures ment to book more than a day issued by the Civil Aviation

bravely that they hope to win 15 seats this time by taking yotes from Labour and the

What they really hope is for Labour and Conservatives to win almost the same number

of seats and for themselves to

win enough to secure the con-

On local issues Labour has

taken the attitude that as much money as can be spared should

be spent on new services to improve the lives and condi-

tions of the working popula-tion. The Conservatives agree

Tories.

trolling vote.

in advance of travel, but the Authority. **Defendants**

Defendants, other than those who posed a security risk, should no longer be required to stand in a dock during their trial, a working party of the Howard League for Penal Re-

form has recommended in a report published yesterday.
The working party, under the chairmanship of Lady James of Rusholme, proposes instead that a defendant, in both magistrates' courts and the Crown Court should be the Crown Court, should be seated at a table or desk
The use of the dock had several undesirable consequences, the report says. It was felt by some to be intimi-datory, and detracted from the fundamental principle that a defendant was innocent until

large sum of money to the Government Only two of the top five tour

Two women and three men

have pleaded not guilty to conspiring together and with Mr Kamil and others unknown to demand money with menaces from the corporation, and also from the corporation, and also conspiring to assault persons connected with the company.

In the dock are Kenneth Wyatt, of Toms Lane, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire; Jacqueline Holborough, aged 29, an actress, of Oxford Avenue,

Cheap Thomson fares | Witness is asked about 'Flash Fred's army'

Mr Sidney Spiro, a witness in the Anglo American Corporation blackmail plot trial at the Central Criminal Court yesterday was asked if he knew that the man allegedly behind the conspiracy had run a private army to retrieve stolen diamods for the corporation in South Africa.

Raynes Park; Anita Sasin, aged 20, a clerical officer, of wordle Road, Wimbledon; John Mælcohn, aged 29, a driver of Friern Bærnet and Græhæm Standford, aged 20, unemployed, of Clarendon Road, Walthamstow, all London.

Mr Wyatt, Mr Malcohn and Miss Sasin have also pleaded South Africa.

British Buddhists have bought Conishead Priory, Ulverston, Cumbria, for £50,000 and created

an institute for studying Tibetan Buddhism. Visiting students are seen under instruction.

minimum duration of stay is

The principle applied by

The principle applied by Thomson Holidays has been used widely by foreign villa owners and letting agents such as Owners Services Ltd. But it is the first time that fares on this basis have been offered on

this basis have been offered on

It is a variant on the pro-

gramme first offered by Cosmos, as well as Thomson,

last year. That includes minimal accommodation in hostels,

Mr Stephen Pugh, a director

of Cosmos, said yesterday that the company was very satisfied with the sale of its "Cheapie" holidays, some of which offer fares as low as Thomson, but

After protests from British

accommodation schemes were

No one pretends that the

is up to the tour operator to stay within the regulations.

the regulations.

as well as low return fares.

seven nights.

such a large scale.

Mr Jeffrey Thomas, counsel for Anita Sasin, one of the accused, was questioning Mr Spiro, a director of the cor-poration.

The jury has been told that a former hijacker, Fousid Hussaid Abu Kamil, known as "Flash Fred", believed now to be beyond extradition in Spain, tried with the help of the five people in the dock to get £Im from the corporation for un-dercover services he claimed to have carried out for them.

he was watching the new de-Mr Spiro said he had no knowledge of Mr Kamil being paid £50,000 in Cyprus in 1956 on behalf of the corporation, not could he recall in a book Airways, which feared losses of business traffic, the minimal investigated by the Civil Avia-tion Authority and cleared as complying with the letter of about the Oppenheimer family a chapter referring to Mr Kamil's activities. He had no personal knowledge of Mr Kamil's exact relationship to

the corporation. latest scheme complies with the spirit of the regulations, but Thomson Holidays say it conforms to the letter. The Civil Aviation Authority says it Mr Thmas asked: "Is it true that he ran on behalf of Anglo American a private army in order to retrieve stolen diamonds?", and Mr Spiro replied: "I know absolu-tely nothing about that."

must arrange their own accomintended to fill seats on modation and be able to list an charter aircraft left empty by address where they intend to the overall drop in inclusive jail sentence, counsel asked: that Anglo-American paid a

> Government of Malawi to secure his release?" Mr Spiro replied : "Ir is the first I have heard of it."

Miss Sasin have also pleaded not guilty to 10 charges of sending letters threatening to kill members of the Oppenheimer family and others.
Colonel Floris Van Zijl security adviser to the Anglo American Corporation and De Beers since June, 1971, said Mr Kamil "was an informant in connexion with illicit dia-

mond-buying matters."
Asked by Judge McKinnon,
QC, if Mr Kamil had been paid in full for his services, Colonel Van Zijl said: "In full, my

Lord. And very handsomely paid as well."

Colonel Van Zijl said he mer Mr Kamil in Nicosia, Cyprus in July, 1974, and paid him a bank draft for £50,000. That was after Mr Kamil was released from prison in Malawi. Mr Kamil had made

dire threats against the corporation as a whole and certain members in particular.

Asked to explain why the payment was made Colonel

Van zijl said: "To our way of thinking and to mine as securiry adviser of this vast conglo-merate of companies, he was making the most dire threats imaginable both in writing and of external academics and Sir under the impression and believed he was quite capable make a final judgment until carrying them out. Henc and the reason we decided to

pay."
Mr Henry Pownall, for the sort of threats?" Colonel Van Zijl said: "BLowing up our b uildings in Johannesburg, threatening to assassinate the chairman and

members of his faaily and members of his faally and threatening bodily injury to members of the family."

The judge asked: "He frightened the company into making the payment?" and Oolonel Van Zijl replied:

"Yes, my Lord, he did."

A passport mot that was by no means bon

By Peter Godfrey
Civil servants entrusted wit
translating those few word
that are as close as the Britis passport comes to belies lettre have made an undiplomatic

-A new issue of 700,000 Bri. hish passports has been printed with the French equivalent of wife written in four places rest spelling epouse. In a Com-mons written answer this week Mr Luard, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign and Com-monwealth Office, regretted the aberration but said it would be too costly to wish

the aberration but said it would be too costly to with draw the passports and too late to applogize to the French. To puzzled douanier, spousse may perhaps recall spoussette, the French word for duster, suggesting either excreme domesticity or submissions. extreme domesticity or submissiveness on the part of the British housewife. The Foreign British housewife. The Foreign Office yesterday humbly doffed its beret to the French, admitting that the error was made by its Passport Office, but was quick to add that the new passport was compiled by desk-bound home civil servants, not polyglot members of the Diplomatic Corps.

The British official's imperfect recall of the schoolday adventures of M Dupont is further reflected by Hansard, which, in its search for the most juste to describe the Commons question on the subject,

mot juste to describe the commons question on the subject, refers to the word espouse.

The trouble began when the Passport Office decided to replace the word femms in British passports in the interests of

passports in the interests of sexual equality.

Another error, for which the Foreign Office disclaims responsibility, is the misspell-ing of Gibrattar in 600,000 oneyear visitors' passports. To its consternation, and the probable delight of the Spanish it is spelt Gibralter.

Open University inquiry after bias allegations

By a Staff Reporter
The Open University may decide to make use of external assessors compulsory for all courses after allegations of political bias. The university's board to carry out "a general review of the existing mech-anism for maintaining academic standards ".

Professor Julius Gould, of Nottingham University, complained in an article in The Times Educational Supplement in February that the sity's new second-level course, "Schooling in Society" and in particular its first part "Schooling and Capitalism", showed a Marxist slant. Twelve hundred students enrolled for the course.

The university's academic advisory committee, composed the final four units of the course had been published. But it recommended that all courses should have external

assessors as most already do.
Two other courses have been Two other courses have been criticized in the pat year for alleged political blas. Mrs Caroline Cox, of the North. London Polyrechnic, said a third-level course "Patterns of inequality", provided a platform for blatantly political views. Mr Hugh Freeman, a con-

sultant psychiatrist said two course books Language and social reality, and Politics, Work and Occupation I, had a

Witness says brother admitted killing girl

Manchester
Colin Hardy, aged 23, was taken from jail to Manchester Crown Court and told a jury that his brother had confessed to killing Wanda Skala, a barmaid aged18.
Mr Hardy added: "I did not beelieve him. I was inclined to think he was trying to be clever. Then he told me. It was an accident. I did not meean to kill the girl... I meant to

Trevor Hardy, aged 31, of no settled address, denied killing three teenage girls between DEcember, 1974, and March, 1976. He also pleaded not guilty to indecently assaulting a fourth girl and wounding

Mr Hardy said his borther told him of the Wanda Skala killing. He added: "Sheilagh Farrow, Trevor's girl friend, said: "I am his alibi for the night it happened. I will swear an accident. I did not meean to kill the girl... I meant to mug her and take what money she had in her handbag'. He mentioned something about using a brick and that he did not mean to kill her and that the girl must have had a that Trevor Hardy was alleging that Miss Fatrow know about

the killing of Miss Stewart, and from then on she held it over my head."

The statement went on:

"Police keeping he lilywhite.
Was with me on Skala murder
which started off as robbery.
But girl knew Farrow, Chased
and caught her. I hit girl on
jaw and she collapsed. We left
her I want back and strangled her. I went back and strangled the girl. Couldn't. Picked up 2 brick and hit her four times." The alleged statement said: "Whatever way you look at it, Farrow sat on vital informa-

tion. As a result, two more people died and she still har-

The trial continues today.

Archaeology report

Palestine: Birthplace of the horticultural economy

Recent excavations in Palestine suggest that the origins of plant cultivation 12,000 years ago may be the result of rising population hemmed in by a deteriorating environment. Material from two seasons of investigation of the Hayonim Terrace site in 1974-75 has been studied, and a description of the roots and environmental data is published by Dr Donald Henry and Dr Arlette Leroi-Gourhan in the most recent such a network is essential to the long term future of the con-Leroi-Gourhan in the most recent volume of the Journal of Field

Archaeology.

The site lies in western Galilee
14 km from the Mediterranean
coast, and is below the Hayonim Cave, a site also recently excavated which has yielded a sequence of occupation running back more than 30,000 years.

The terrace below the cave has

The terrace below the cave has two periods of occupation corresponding to the last two periods in the cave; these have been named Geometric Kebaran, the earlier, and Natusian. The Natusian other sites in Palestine as spanning the period immediately after the end of the last ice age, when the world's climate became the world's climate when the world's climate were more to have been fullowed by one of desiccation, with very lew trees present; the swamp disappears, but the presence of willow pollen suggests a stream running close to the site. A decrease in the remains of squirrels also suggests inat the woods also suggests in the woods of the last ice age, when the world's climate were present; the swamp disappears, but the presence of willow pollen suggests a stream running close to the site. A decrease in the remains of squirrels also suggests in the woods also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests in the woods also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the crease in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the crease in the presence of willow pollen suggests a stream running close to the site. A decrease in the remains of squirrels also suggests as the climate also suggests as the crease in the presence of the squirrely also suggests as the climate a the end of the last ice age, when the world's climate became warmer, roughly 10.000-3,500 BC. The Natufans are notable as being among the first men to live in the same place rather than being mobile hungers and as being

The result, Dr Henry points out, is that Katuffan population was increasing in size and density as the environment deteriorated through increasing aridity, and he suggests that "these circumstances placed considerable stress on the economic base of the society and perhaps

support.
Dr Henry suggests that Instead

Dr Henry suggests that Instead the habitable territory was contracting as the climate became drier, and with population expanding at the same time pressure was placed on the existing hunting and gathering way of life. The control of plants and animals that followed was a way of ensuring and expanding the food supply, and the beginning of this process in the "core region" may have been because the inhibitants

among the first people in the world to produce food by cultivating cereals and herding animals.

At Hayonim Torrace the Natural adoption of hordcultural economy". At the same of me the presence among the animal refinal artifacts recovered consisting of small abruptly retouched bladelets, and worked bone including harpoons with sharp barbs. The main animal bone including harpoons with sharp barbs. The main animal bone including harpoons with sharp barbs. The main animal bone including harpoons with sharp barbs. The main animal bone including harpoons with sharp barbs. The main animal assert of the residence there was no gazelle, followed by fallow deer, will boar and several other species of deer.

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that a complex economy involving control of the food supply evolved in the Natudian period in Pale-stine as the result of population growth coupled with environ-mental limitation on their expru-sion as simple hunters and gatherers.

By Norman Hammond Archaeological Correspondent Source: Journal of Field Archaeo logy, Vol 3, No 4.

before tourism Local population needs are

Local needs put

emphasized at the expense of tourism in the draft of the Lake District National Park plan, to be debated on Monday by the district's special planning

The draft plan says visitors often destroy the very qualities | Labour will resemble the swing they seek, so the growth of that has been occurring nation-recreation will be contained and ally. If so, the Conservatives the enjoyment of the national park "as it was intended" They need only an 8 per cent swing from Labour to take con-

Mr Tom Jackson | The local elections 5: Effect of national swing

Labour threatened in the North despite record and policies

From Robert Parker Manchester

The Labour Party in Greater Manchester will be glad if it can retain power in the council elections on May 5. Even a majority of one would be enough For the party that was elected

Council in 1973 with 69 seats against the Conservatives' 24 and the Liberals' 13, that is a disappointing position. What annoys the Labour leadership is the feeling that their present circumstances have little to do with their past performance and present policies. They are threatened by national

to the new Metropolitan County

factors and the national swing away from Labour towards the Conservatives. The Tories, on the other who have not a single idea between them", according to Sir Robert Thomas, the Labour leader, have the chance of a victory that has little to

do with their proposals. It seems unfair to the Labour leaders, who feel they have done much good in the past four years and offer to do much more than the Conservatives in

the next four.

Mr Arnold Fieldhouse and the Conservatives he leads naturally disagree with Labour's explanation for their improved fortunes. However, both main parties agree that many issues in the election campaign have had little to do with local questions. On the doorsteps people have been talking about prices, wages, unemployment and other

national questions. Because the issues are national, the Conservatives are hoping that the swing to them from trol, and 10 per cent to give the 106 seats, 14 more than them a majority of five. Those in 1973. Mrs Sara Lawrence, calculations do not include the Liberal secretary, says many Liberal seats the Conservatives expect to take.

Although the 11 by-election results since 1973 have shown wild fluctuations in the swing to the Tories from Liberal and Labour, the average swing has been 11 per cent. There has been no by-election since March, 1976, and the feeling is that the move to the Tories has, if anything, increased.

Even if not, 11 per cent is easily enough to give the Conservatives 33 of the seats Labour won in 1973. A 3 per cent swing would remove 15 of Labour's existing seats. Labour hopes that its record in power and its present policies on local issues, which

sees as far more progressive than Tory proposals, will impress enough of the electorate to stave off a swing of national proportions to the Conservatives. That theory might have had

some significance in terms of beating the Conservatives had it not been for the Liberal factor. They, many people argue, will be lucky to retain a couple of their present 13 seats. Liberal successes in 1973

with some exceptions, concen-

trated in the more prosperous middle-class areas to the south

of Manchester. In one area the

Liberals polled twice the Tories' votes. Since 1973, however, the Conservatives have recaptured seats in district and county elections with huge swings. At Urmston No 1 a Liberal lead of 14.7 per cent was turned into a Conservative lead of

The Liberals, who want to

abolish the county council and share its powers between the

10 districts and a new regional assembly, are fighting 58 of

39.3 per cent.

that many new projects would be desirable but say they simply cannot be afforded in the present economic climate. Nowhere it that difference in policy more marked than in the question of an underground rail system being talked about for Greater Manchester. The Conservatives say they will immediately abandon plans for the Picc-Vic Line, as it is called, but the Labour argument is that

The Conservatives, perhaps ignoring Labour's good record in holding rate increases fairly low, say they want to cut rate increases and even reform the whole system. They also want to reduce the number of com mittees to save expenses, light-ing and officers' time. They would also give more local con-trol to public transport.

Although some of those issues will undoubtedly affect the votes of some of the ex-pected 30 per cent of th electorate who turn out, the deciding factor will almost certainly be the national record of the Government, to the delight of the Conservatives and the distress of Labour...

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least four policemen fall as a volley of student petrol bombs spreads flames across a street outside the university.

Policeman shot dead as student violence flares in Rome

rom Patricia Clough inne, April 21 A policeman was shot dead ad an American journalist nd an American journalist wind another policeman wounded hen student violence flared gain at Rome University

Masked students wearing notorcycle helmers and some is they fought police in streets

The violence began when police used tear gas to clear students from three buildings they had occupied in protest against a government univer-

sity reform Bill.
The dead policeman, Sertimio Passamonti, was shot twice in the chest as he and a collectue tried to move three buses barricading a street corner. He died as he was taken to hospital. The other policeman, who was

shot in the head, was critically injured. The students had stopped the

buses at pistol point, forced the passengers out and used the vehicles as bases for petrol bomb attacks on police.

The American journalist, Miss Patricia Bernie, head of the Rome bureau of the Columbia

Later police evacuated the after a lull of more than a university and cordoned off the month, involved about 100 campus and surrounding streets while others hunted student extremists in districts near by.

The students were clearly ready for today's violence, which followed the now familiar pattern of extremist groups using a tense situation to de-

extremists.
Tension was also running high in Bologna, where four faculty buildings were occupied

by students. Discontent and frustration at the state of the universities and, in particular, the prospect of unemployment after graduating have turned the universities

liberately promote violence. unemployment after grading Police said they thought ing have turned the university today's incidents, which came into hotbeds of extremism.

Gudrun Ensslin, aged 36, Andreas Baader, aged 34, and Jan-Carl Raspe, aged 32, have consistently refused to have anything to do with the appointed lawyers.
The prosecution made its final statement last October,

Germany's

two-year

near end

terror trial

From Dan van der Vat Bonn, April 21

After nearly two years of controversy, West Germany's longest most expensive and probably most embarrassing trial is approaching its end.

The presiding judge in the Baader-Meinhof terrorism case at Stammheim prison, Stuttgart, said today he would give his verdicts next Thursday. A lastminute complication could

minute complication con delay this, but not for long.

Today defence lawyers appoin-

ted by the court at the beginning of the trial made their final statements on behalf of the three accused. They said the trial should be abandoned on

two main grounds: that the court had failed to deal ade-quately with the question of the

tween the accused and their defence lawyers had cast doubt

over the validity of the pro-

to the lawyers chosen by the accused boycotting the remainder of the trial.

The accused have themselves taken no part in the case for

months and have been on a hunger-strike for three, weeks.

ceedings.

could

but the defence prolonged the case by six months by calling new witnesses and making a series of procedural motions aimed at stopping the trial.

In a supplementary final statement last week, the prosecution demanded life sentences plus additional terms of 15 years each for the accused, who are charged with a multiplicity of murders, attempted murders, political bombings and mem

bership of a criminal asso-

Report clears Dassault of irregularities though it was desired from the start to whitewash M Dassault, a Gaullist deputy". They concluded that four months of investigation had confirmed "the permanent Dassault scandal". M Dassault had eliminated his competitors and accurate for himself

From Charles Hargrove Paris, April 21

There were no irregularities in the handling of public funds by the Dassault aircraft firm, the report of a special parliamentary committee said today. The committee was set up last year after a public outcry over allegations by the tormer financial director of one of the Dassault companies, of tax evasion and other irregularities.

had eliminated his competi-tors and ensured for himself possession of the fighter 2ir-craft market, with military pre-financing of research costs, Air Force orders and export sub-sidies. "When business is bad, the state takes over", they The Opposition members of added.
M. Roger Patrat, the chairthe committee, in a dissenting opinion published as an annexe to the report, accused the other members of attempting to cover up the Dassault company's acti-vities by extending the investi-gation to the state aircraft con-struction firms. The three Communist members said that by so doing, the committee had cast

suspicion on the management of the nationalized sector.

They described as "incomplete and truncated" the evidence obtained by the commitduately with the duestion of the fitness of the accused to stand trial; and that the state government's admission that it had bugged consultations betee, but added that in spire of that it showed that "the Dassault group, financed by private capital, benefited unduly from a monopoly of military air-craft" and that its activities The disclosure that the accused's cells had been bugged was made last month and led were financed almost entirely

by public funds.

The two Socialist members also expressed regret that some official reports were not made available to the committee and that "everything took place as

man of the committee and a Centrist deputy, asked for a public debate on the report. "We are not satisfied with the results of the investigation", he told reporters. "Four months was too short." He condemned leaks of the report to the press. People compromised by them could not reply with-out breaking the secrecy of the

out breaking the secrecy of the commission's work.

M Jacques Limouzy, the Gaullist rapporteur, in the conclusions to the report wrote: "There is no scandal, only problems". The Dassau't firm had obtained average subsidies between 1970 and 1975 of 1970 forms. of 120m francs (£14m) com-pared with 1.000m francs and 330m francs for two of its competitors. Its profits came mostly from exports, which amounted to 70 per cent of its

Tories accused of running down Britain

From Our Own Correspondent Strasbourg, April 21 Conservative MPs who criti-icized the British Government in tie European Par lament yesterday were today sharply attacked by one of the British Labour delegation.

Lord Bruce of Donington called a press conference to remind the Conservatives that

past Tory leaders had frowned upon overseas attacks on British Labour governments.

"Now apparently it is the inthing, that purely for party

advantage you can impugu your own country", he said.

Employer hid bugging device in staff canteen

St Etienne, France, April 21.

—A company president has been fined 5,000 francs (£600) for bugging his employees' private conversations in the works

canteen near here.
M Andre Arnould concealed a bugging device in a cupborrd in the canteen and was able to hear what the staff discussed. A woman employee found and

removed it.

M Arnould took the women to court for destroying the device, but he lost. Then a trade union took him to court for encroaching on privacy and won .- Agence France Presse.

Speculation in Madrid Rally violence splits the Portuguese left over Army Minister

Madrid, April 21

Madrid, April 21

There was speculation in political and diplomatic circles here today about whether lieutenant? General Felix Alvarez-Arenas Y Pacheco, the Army Minister, would remain in the Cabinet after last week's overt attempt by military leaders to put pressure on the Covernment regarding political decisions.

The dismissal of a general

decisions.

The dismissal of a general and a colonel from the Army Minister's secretariat was widely Minister s. sectional as a scapegoat as a scapegoat

Buye the impression that theirs agive the impression that theirs were the only sabres rattled when the Army told Señor wadolfo Suarez, the Prime a Minister, that it found his decision to legalize the Spanish Communist Parry "repulsive".

The two med dismissed were solded a translation of the military and technical secretariat of the ministry; and Lieutenant-constant woods to the control of the ministry, and Lieutenant-constant works where the specialist in anti-constant and a specialist in anti-constant and secretarions and

operations and memorine chief of Madrid police

: medazalvarez Zalba's section last for General Alvarez-Arenas's .: coul September, Els of were relieved in connexion with

all officers, in the name of the Army Minister, which said that the High Council of the Army had submitted certain "demands" to the Government.

The information contained in the letter, as it turned out, was essentially correct. How-ever, either General Alvarez-Arenas y Pacheco, or the Prime Minister, or both, were annoyed at the publication of the letter, which helped efforts by the extreme right to raise the level of tension between the Government and the military

The right-wing Madrid even-ing newspaper Alcazar pub-lished without explanation, on its front page on Wednesday an extract from military regulations saying that a commander is responsible for the faults or omissions of his subordinates in matters which he should personally oversee.

The boxed paragraph of military regulations, military sources say, was a hint to the Army Minister to resign, inasmuch as the meeting of the High Council was called by his order, even if he did not per-sonally attend

Señor Suárez, on the other and would be unlikely to ask resignation. It would be diffi-cult for him to find a replace-ment.

Broadcasting System, was hit in the leg by a bullet in a battle near a student hostel.

Party and the Communist Party has been developing during the past few days. It is based on an all-on: Socialist attempt to loosen the Communists' hold on the trade unions, and on Socialist accusations that the Communists tried to break up a Socialist political rally last

weekend. The Socialists accuses Com-

militant Socialist mayor. Prominent members of the Communist Party took part in the incident, they say. The Socialists are threatening to sever relations with the Com-munists if a formal apology is

Although Communist leaders have admitted that their supporters were wrong over the

From Jose Shercliff
Lisbon, April 21
A big political conflict between the governing Socialist Party and the Communist Party

Cardoso, the wife of a local according to a Communist Party and the Communist Party

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The rally incident fits into

a context of militant Socialist Party activity aimed at capturing support from Communistled sectors of the country. In the trade union field, the Socialists support the free trade union system rather than the Intersindical, which is backed by the Communists.

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TV questioning fails to ruffle M Barre

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, April 21 li Frenchmen rational as they claim and their political behaviour were dictaicd by common sense rather than passion and prejudice, M. Barre, the Prime Minister, believes he would have far less trouble both from his own majority and from the Oppo-

As he said in a television discussion last night, the Government Majority can either remain united, and face the parliamentary elections with the conviction that it has rendered. dared the country great service for many years; or it can allow itself to be assailed by self-doubt, believe that it is beaten and adopt a suicidal stand, and in that case, meet with

He did not look at opinion in police every morning, or every morning, or every morning, or every morning to see where he stood in the book at opinion to be policed to be stood on the try by looking at one's own

Popularity."

Re hoped the steps he would amounce to Parliament next beck in his 12-month action programme, designed to cope particularly with unemployment among school leavers, would produce tangible results

by the end of the year.
"I have never said that I needed three years (to put the economy back on an even keel). because I am, after all, aware

of the political situation. I say what the Government should do

in the coming 12 months. But the policy of France is a long-term policy. What we hope for Frenchmen is a national ambition. Perhaps I am not a 'merchant of illusions'", he added

The Prime Minister's inter tion was clearly to convince and to reassure. Unrufiled by questioning, he appealed to sweet reason and common sense by hammering away at self-evident

truths.

"If French people wish it, the coming of the left to power will take place", he said, adding that the alternation of paring that the alternation of paring the article in power was the rule in ties in power was the rule in a democracy. But in the case of France this alternation would be dangerous, in his opinion, because of the Communist

"Elections are in the offing, but one must not perpetually think of elections. One must first solve the problems which arise, and when there is a Majority which supports the Government, this Majority must show clearly that it is united first, and that it supports the Government which settles the country's problems. The country will change its views, and change the team in power, if it feels that this Majority and its Government are not capable of dealing with the affairs of the country properly."

economy Guidelines on euthanasia given to Swiss doctors

From Our Correspondent

Geneva, April 21
The Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences has published directives on euthanasia to guide
doctors confronted with situations arising mainly from advances in medical technology. The first of the directives

says that when a patient has been adequately informed and is capable of judgment, his wishes regarding treatment must be respected "even if these do not correspond to the medical indi-

If he cannot discriminate because of being unconscious or for any other cause, then the decision, whether taken in consultation with relatives, is legally the responsibility of the

The physician is obliged to take the appropriate measures "if there exist possibilities of improvement". In terminally ill th no possibility of conscious existence, he doctor may " confine himself

to alleviating suffering but he is not obliged to use every therapeutic resource for prolonging life.".

Dr Jean Bergier, who served on the 17-member commission which produced the guidelines and which included a jurist as well as Roman Catholic and Protestant theologians, has has explained what such sit-uations comprise.

Writing in the bulletin of the Swiss Romande medical information service, he explains that normal professional (moral) ethics do not always Romande medical

suffice. "The doctor asks himself if it is necessary, or even legiti-mate, to use every resource to delay an outcome that is certain

and close", he says. Dr Bergier, a former presi-dent of the Swiss Medical Federation, emphasizes that the directives "are in no way a substitute for the responsibility Salisbury, April 21

Mr Des Frost, the chairman of the ruling Rhodesian Front, has said that the white electorate will have the final say on any settlement proposals or a new constitution by way of an

He was attempting to clarify the decision of an emergency congress of the party on Mon-day to give Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, what was in effect an open mandate to nego-tiate a settlement. This was the burden of a resolution which merely called upon him to "strive to abide by the party's principles and policies" in pursuing a settlement.

Mr Frost said the resolution was passed "for the simple reason that should the finalization of a settlement agreement become dependent upon a devi-ation from the party's principles, it would be ludicrous to expect the Prime Minister to run backwards and forwards between the party and the negotiating table". He added: "The final say will

rest with the electorate as any settlement proposals or consti-tution will have to be put to the electorate for their acceptance

Rhodesian sources intimated today that Mr Smith had given the impression that there would be some form of referendum on the settlement issue among white

In an angry response, the African nationalist faction led by Bishop Abel Muzorewa said today that Mr Frost's statement confirms public doubt about line states

for part in

Thai rebellion

Bangkok, April 21.—A That general was executed today without trial for his part in an

with them when the coup attempt failed had been sen-

tenced without trial to life

All five men had been under

interrogation since March 26, when they occupied three government buildings in Bang-

kok and announced over the radio that a "revolutionary council" had taken over—

Amsterdam, April 21.—Dr Mikhail Shtern said today that

pressure from sympathizers in

Holland and elsewhere had

forced his release from a

Soviet labour camp last month, and "saved me from certain

Dr Shtern, aged 59, a Ukrainian Jewish endocrinolo-

gist, was speaking at his first

press conference since his release. He arrived here today

from Vienna for a short holi-

years' imprisonment on corrup-

rion charges in 1974, but was freed on March 15. He said his trial, which he described as

both antisemitic and political,

was held because he refused a

Soviet security police, to stop his two sons from emigrating.

At time during the press conference he was overcome by emotion as he talked of the final days of his sentence in

an icy punishment cell in a prison camp at Kharkov in the Ukraine.

He was sentenced to eight

day and a medical check

Dissident says pressure

from West freed him

imprisonment.

faction said that it had not yet and the other in Lusaka in decided whether to attend the order to step up the armed proposed constitutional confer struggle, ence and this would depend on A meeting of the Patriotic Frost's statement did not augur well for success, it added.

The statement said that majority rule was no longer at What was in question was the mechanism of the transtive white electorate should have a say in that.

A military communiqué today disclosed the killing by African pationalist guerrillas, of three black members of the security forces. Two of them were killed in a rocket and small arms attack on a police post "in the western opera-

Lusaka, April 21.-The Rhodesian Patriotic Front, led by Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, declared here today that it was "completely futile" to expect the British initiatives to resolve the Rhodesian conflict.

A statement, read here to reporters by Mr Nkomo, said the Patriotic Front believed that "it is only through our own Front sweat and blood" that true independence shall be achieved in the breakaway British colony.

The Patriotic Front, which diplomatic support from the five "front-line states" has decided to establish its headquarters in Dar es Selaam. Tanzania. Zambia, Angola, Mozambique and Botswana make up the front-

In a statement, the Muzotewa one in Meputo, Mozambique,

A meeting of the Patriotic its chances of success. Mr Front's coordinating committee yesterday took far-reaching decisions on the consolidation of the political and military front" of the nationalist movement, Mr Nkomo added.

Mr Nkomo said the British fer of power and there was no had failed in the past and reason why the unrepresentathere was no reason to believe there was no reason to believe that Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, would succeed in finding a peaceful solu-

He did not rule out the possibility that the Patriotic Front would attend any future Rhodesia conference, but said that the Front had set conditions for attending such a conference. Mr Nkomo said the agenda of

any constitutional conference must include the transfer of power from the white minority to the black majority "based The rest should take about

five days and not two months, as was the case at last year's Geneva conference. There should be no question of the British asking Mr Smith to endorse the settlement.

Asked what role other nationalist leaders like Bishop Muzorewa and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole would play at the conference, he said they would not be involved because they led no guerrilla armies On the role of front-line states, Mr Nkomo said they would offer only advice and not dictate policy to the Patriotic Front.—AP.

General executed Anti-boycott law could hurt US business

From Patrick Brogan Washington, April 21 The House of Representatives without trial for his part in an abortive coup attempt last month, well-informed sources said. He was General Chalard Hiranyasiri; aged 54, a former deputy commander in chief of the Army.

The sources said General Chalard's soit and three other middle ranking officers arrested with them when the coup has passed a stringent Bill to combat the Arab boycott of companies trading with Israel. It could have serious effects on American business if ever it

The Senare is still examining a milder version of the Bill, and the two will have to be reconciled before a final vote can be taken and the measure sent to the President.

The House vote was 364 to 3. The Bill would prohibit American companies from par-ticipating in the so-called secondary boycom of Israel (or any other country, for that matter). Companies would not

be allowed to refuse to do business with a company which deals with Israel.

It is hoped that this provi-sion will stop the Arabs from extending their occasional in-sistence that they will have no dealings with companies which do not join their own boycott of Israel. Companies will also be forbidden to divulge their employees' race or religion.

The Bill's supporters admit that the primary boycott of Israel itself is legal under international law, after all, the United States practises just such a boycott against Cuba, and until recently did the same to other communist countries, often calling the operation an embargo.

of earthquakes

set up a defence agreement among the six members of the West African Economic Comwest Aritain Economity, which groups Senegal, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Upper Volta, Niger and Mali. Only Mauritania among the six did not attend the summit Guadalcanal hit by series.

President Houphouet-Boigny of Ivory Coast said that if Europe did not realize the security risk in Africa and did not give economic aid, then it risked letting it go the way of Sydney, April 21.—Earth other continents.
uakes today hir Guadalcanal If foreign interf island in the British Solomons allowed to develop, Europe

for Africa

support

has Giscard

Dakar, April 21.—France would back any African moves

aimed at arms I imitation on the continent, President Gis-card d'Estaing of France said

questions on what France would do if an African state

was threatened during a joint press conference with Afr.can

leaders at the close of the two-day 20-nation Franco-African

summit here.
"If an initiative from Africa aimed at limiting arms on the

African continent was taken, France would willingly take up

defence agreements between France and some African coun-

rries (such as Senegal and Ivory Coast) would stay in

force but he said this question bad not been raised at the

The summit came less than a

week after the end of the

French airlift of military equipment to Zaire to aid

Government forces fighting a rebellion in the copper-rich

President Leopold Senghor of Senegal confirmed a plan to

Shaba province.

France would will such a move ", he said.

group, killing a at least one person and damaging buildings in the capital of Honiara.

Three and possibly four tremors hit the mountainous, heavily forested island, mined to act in favour of our interview. They ranged over a period joint interests. I ask my Afri-

of five hours, from mid-moro-ing to mid-afternoon. The strongest registered 7.4 on the Dichter scale.— Africa may remain in African hands."—Agence openended Richter scale.— African Reuter. France-Presse. British sailors are banned

from Biggs party Rio de Janeiro, April 21.-Royal Navy sailors have been banned from attending a party being given on Saturday by Mr Ronald Biggs, the escaped train robber, according to local news-

paper reports.

Mr Biggs had invited the sailors to the party in his home at Sepetibe, some 25 miles south of Rio, after his visit last week to the British frigate, HMS Danae.

Rear-Admiral Martin Wemyss, commander of the 11-vessel Royal Navy task force visiting Rio, has rold his men they must not visit Mr Biggs during six days shore leave starting tomorrow, the reports said.

The visit by Mr Biggs, who is wanted in Britain to complete a 30-year sentence for the £2,600,000 train robbery in 1963. provoked questions in Parlia-

Arms control | EEC welcome for Carter plan

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A train burning in Karachi during a day of strikes and rioting.

But saving transportation fuel is clearly vital, and Mr Carter's men let it be known they are planning a petrol rationing scheme, in case the mid-1980s energy shortage arrives earlier. In broad terms, the conser-

vation programme proposes higher taxes for fuels, including electric power, and for vehicle petrol milage. The incentive is obviously to consume less, invest in insulation whether at home or in industry, buy more efficient cars and home appliances and use power during off-peak hours

There are specific rewards proposed : in rebates for efficient cars, and tax deductions for home insulation. There are also specific penalties such as the rising car tax and private aviation—but not airlines—will see fuel prices rise. All the general rewards, through return through the income tax system of all the taxes raised, have yet

to be explained.

David Cross writes from Grussels: President Carter's extremely important and very ourageous" fuel-saving procourageous" gramme should provide stimulus for the European Community to develop a common energy policy after 10 years of procrastination, Herr Wilhelm Haferkamp, the European Com-missioner for External Affairs,

said today.
In the past EEC governments had often agreed what ought to be done to reduce the Communicy's dependence on im-ported fuel supplies, but had failed to translate their good intentions into concrete decisions, he told a press conference

Herr Haferkamp and Dr Guido Brunner, the Commissioner for Energy Policy, were speaking after two days of talks with an American delegation led by Mr Richard Cooper, Under Secretary for Economic Affairs at the State Depart-

Dr Brunner said that although American and European energy priorities were somewhat different now they would converge in the mid-1980s. Both the Community and the United States would be in "a bad fix" unless they did something about

conservation now.

Our Foreign Staff write: President Carter's plan was praised in Western capitals for its potential benefits for the rest of the world. His proposals were also welcomed by some Middle East producers as a vindication of their own policies to discourage the squander

In Bonn, officials said effect-

programme was well balanced and an example for other oilconsuming nations.

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tive economies in the United States would benefit the whole world. In Paris, the International Energy Agency, grouping the main non-commonist industrial countries, said the

In Vienna, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) was studying President Carter's proposals before making any comment: But the programme was expected to figure prominently in talks which President Carlos Andres Perez, of Venezuela, will have during his current two-week tour of five Middle East countries. Most of Venezuela's oil exports go to the United States while Saudi Arabia also sells much of its production there.

Officials in various capitals the Gulf said any measure which put an end to wasteful use of oil in the United States was welcome.

"We are glad the United States appears at long last to be moving seriously to support our efforts to reduce oil demand and keep prices high to encourage the development of alternatives to oil as an energy source", a Kuwaiti official said.

Milton Friedman verdict,.

President Assad's troops in Lebanon prove to be an efficient, disciplined, well-trained force

Syria's peasant peace-keepers

The Lebanese regard many of the Syrian troops maintain-ing the ceasefire in their country as little more than farm boys—unsophisticated peasant soldiers who have little idea why they are ex-pected to safeguard Lebanon's Some of the soldiers are in-deed illiterate and many wander along Hamra and the

Beirut corniche with the excitement of tourists on their Several weeks ago a fourman Syrian tank crew was seen on a west Beirut beach

staring at the horizon. It was thought that they were looking for naval craft until they explained to puzzled onlookers that they had never seen the But it, when the Syrians brought a swift and decisive end to the civil war last

November, the Lebanese thought that their land was going to be populated by a country-bumpkin army, they were very mistaken.
The 30,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon have in the past five

months proved themselves to be an efficient, disciplined, highly organized and wellrrained army.

sence—or occupation, depend Chraura this month en route ing on your political for Damascus reinforces the ing on your political for Damascus reinforces the loyalties—is enormous. In the suspicion that the Syrians last days of the war, the might be pulling some of their Lebanese were killing each men out.

other at the rate of 40 a day. Is President Assad worried Since their entry into Beirut last November, therefore, the Syrians can be said to have saved the lives of 5,600 people, assuming the killing would have continued at the same

The enforced peace has, on the other hand, cost the Lebanese some independence. Leftist Nasserite sympathizers have been forcefully invited to Damascus for political re-education. Syrian as well as Lebanese police ride the streets of Beirut in fast, modern cars. And of the 11 security men tapping telephones in the Beirut Post Office, 10 are Syrian.

President Assad now has in Lebanon three divisions com-posed of his six best brigades. Military observers believe that the official figure of 30,000 troops has already been supplemented by a seventh armoured brigade, which crossed into Lebanon in January and has

not been seen since. But in the cities, Syrian troops are less in evidence song—How you going keep than they were and the sight 'em down on the farm, now of 35 T54 and T62 tanks being that they've seen Paree?'."

head of Syrian Army intelli-gence, is a frequent visitor to Beirut. The relatively free, wealthy

and sophisticated life-style of the Lebanese is bound to have some influence on Army, even though its soldiers receive extra combat pay and serve shorter tours of duty than British troops in Northern Ireland. As one foreign diplomat said in Damascus remember the

that Lebanon might be exerting an unwanted influence on the Syrian Arms 2 1 the Syrian Army? Last November, Damascus was alive with rumours that about 70 young officers had been detained after allegedly com-YOUNE career prospects. Six weeks have been arrested for demanding a return to the more rigid leftist line of the old Baath Party.

Perhaps it is not by chance that Colonel Ali Medani, the head of Swian Army intelli-

outside Western Europe and America, and so no Third, World representative will be present at this weekend's distween developed and developing countries. Japan has been excluded ... from the conferences so for, a although this may change in ...

Bilderberg A final

talking shop.

opens

in Torquay.

in North America and Western Europe, including Head Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, and Dr Kissinger

former United States Secreta

of State checked into the la

fifth Bilderberg meeting.

They will discuss in proand in a personal rather the
an official capacity the fine

of the mixed economy in West

tude which the Western capital

list economies should take in the demands of the third World developing countries for

a restructuring of the world.

The most notable feature of

the Bilderberg meetings of called because the first one in 1954 was held in the Bilderberg Hozel in Holland-has

been the secrecy (participants) prefer the term "privacy") in which they are held. Reporters are excluded from the meet.

ings, and no direct quotes from the discussions are passed on by those present.

No votes are taken and no ficial conclusions: reached

the meetings have no official

private talking shop for leading public figures in the dif-

ferent countries.
This year's meeting is taking

place amid more publicity than

usual as it is the first one mobile held since the resignation

in the wake of the Lockheed scandal of Prince Bernhardt of

the Netherlands who was chairman of the small inter-national steering committee of Bilderberg. He had issued the invitations to the meeting.

since he organized the first one over 20 years ago.

Lord Home, the farmer Prime Minister, has agreed in take the chair this year. He

and the other organizers are anxious to dispel suspicions

conspiracy of the privileged with the prime aim of bolster-

the 25 members of the steering

committee who decide who

should attend conferences as

well as who should succeed

large sums of money are in-volved in the conferences.

Participants enjoy talking off the record not so much because they are sharing sec-

rets as because they feel obje to relax and speak freely, it is

claimed. Considerable criticism has

been levelled at the restric-tions on participants. No juri-tations are issued to commis-

ing their privileges.

perial Hotel in Torquay yested

By Caroline Atkinson

recognition of Japan's importrialized world.

excluded from meetings, refe aim of strengthening Western occosition to the Communist threat. However, it is not ruled out that senior politicians in-for example Italy and France who also happen to be communists may be invited to

munists may be invited to future meetings.

Among the 19 British narration of the pasts at Torquay are Mr Hastersley, the Prices Secretary.

Mr Lever. Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and members of large comperations such as Courtauds, Unitered and ICI. Three trade union leaders were invited but were leaders were invited, but were unable or unwilling to attend.

Sri Lanka raises rice ration to 4lbs a week Colombo, April 21.—The Sri to increase the rice ration from a single and silve to 4lbs a week following a decir figure and rice harvest of nearly 1.4 mile the inflational lion tonnes, the biggest single wather bur 1970.—Reuter.

Nationwide Building Society

Dr Shtern at the press

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Dr Shtern, who conferred

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an icy punishment cell in a with Herr Bruno Kreisky, the prison camp at Kharkov in the Ukraine.

He said he had not finally decided where he and his wife, lida, will live, but that it would probably be Israel where one of the Dutch Foreign Minister, during his stay here.—Reuter.

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Klan group active in New York

New York, April 21.

An outcry has been raised here over the discovery that there is a chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, the white racialist organization, operating in the city. It is said to be the first one uncovered in New York since the 1920s.

The chapter, known as a "klavern", has been in exis-tence for nearly three years. It is based in the Rockaways, a remote part of the borough of members, most of them young blue-collar workers, according to the Anti-Defamation League, The league says that Klan members plan to carry out cross burnings, similar to those used in the South when the Ku Klux Klan was terrorizing blacks, to celebrate its third

anniversary next month. Membership in the Ku Klux Klan is not illegal and officials have confirmed the existence of the Rockaways chapter. They say there is nothing sinister about cross burning, but that it is "a symbol of our Christianity and of Jesus as the Light of the World".

An unusual feature of the new chapter is that it has a high percentage of Roman Catholic members. In the South, the Ku Klux Klan has traditionally been a white Prot-estant movement, anti-Catholic as well as being anti-black and of eastern and central Euro-

Israel tastes western-style nomination drama From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, April 21

A record 23 entries calling themselves movements, parties, fronts, lists, camps and other names will vie in Israel's national elections on May 17.

Ten are represented in the outgoing Parliament and the others each staked £2,500 depo-sits on polling 1 per cent of the vote. That is the minimum required by law to qualify for participation in the distribu-tion of the 120 seats among the contestants in proportion to the number of votes each one polls.

one polls.

Jerusalem after the most dramatic, westernized and per-sonalized nomination processes in the country's history. Party committees revoked against the usual practice of small committees settling affairs in smoke-filled rooms and they demanded more say in the nominations.

Entries have now closed in

Consequently, there were some surprises. Three members of Mr Rabin's Cabinet, a deputy minister, the Speaker of the House and the coalition whip were among those who failed to obtain their respective parties' nomination for a second term. Other prominent officials did not risk running. The revolt appeared to re-

flect disenchantment with the leadership which was caught unprepared by the Yom Kip-pur war in 1973. The fading out of the founders generation

to a scramble for succession and a demand for reform. The new Democratic Move-ment for Change, which was founded by former leaders and supporters of Labour, came clos-

est to the American system of primaries. Their list of candidates in sequence was chosen by the entire membership. The experiment produced a strong list but party leaders were disappointed that oriental Jews and women were not adequately represented. The leadership firmly resisted pressures to shuffle its list to

create a better balance. Some disappointed candidates left The ruling Labour Party derided the experiment as "democracy running wild" and tried more moderate

Veterans of two terms or more in Parliament were required to obtain a 60 per cent majority in the central committee. Seven of the 17 who had applied failed. In addition, party branches nominated 20 of the first 50 to head the list of candidates.

But the final composition, and the sequence of candi-dates, was determined as usual by an appointments committee and the package was steamfol-lered through the central committee by Mr Shimon Peres, the new party leader.

Party leaders said it had to

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A section of Mapam, a left-wing party aligned with Labour, has also been balking because it regards Mr Peres as a hardliner and threatenes to wear house slippers" on May

Arabs who have been co-operating with the establish-ment put up three lists, includ-ing the united Arab list headed by three deputies in the outgoing Knesset who are affiliated with the Labour alignment. More nationalistic Arabs who are hostile to the Government joined Communists to create the new Democratic Front for Peace and Equality

The Communists, who have been stronger in the Arab than the Jewish sector, attempted to widen their appeal among Jews by nominating in third place Mr Charles Bitton of the Black Panthers, a movement claiming to represent underprivileged Jews of oriental communities. Mr Bitton was sentenced to three months imprisonment last week for burglary and the theft of cheeses which he distributed among the poor.

Mr Shalom Cohen, a rival Black Panther leader, plans to go to jail too. Fined recently, Party leaders said it had to with the alternative of 60 days be done that way to assure a in jail for rioting in Tel Aviv, balanced hist, but they none he declared that he did not

others without money must sit states in the in prison.

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Samuel Flatto-Sharon, a mile of street in several carried in France for large said. Motor were angry with Faris earlier, the said of the palestinian suspected of the Palestinian suspected of organizing the massacre of israel athletes at the Munich Olympics, some 132,000 people Israel athletes at the Munich
Olympics, some 132,000 people
here signed a petition demanding that the Israel Government
should retailize by refusing to
extradite Mr Flatto-Sharon. If
elected he would received
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would not guarantee him
against extradition but would
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Among the eleventh-hour and the control dramas on nominations day head catholic the beakdown of negotial thinks are Exch Among the entering only the state of the desired of the state of the s eral Ariel Sharon, the You we kippur war hero. Mr Begin, he the Likud keader, had persuaded the general to join we likud instead of running on the arrangement. his own, but the arrangement was torpedoed by Mr Sincha Bhrlich, leader of the liberal was to the liberal wa

wing of the party. So General Sharon and Likud will separately vie for the extremist vote with Rabbi Meir Kahane of the Jewish Defence League whose platform makes both of them look dovish. Rabbi Kahane proposes expelling Arab inhabitants of the West Bank to remove the danger of their outnumbering

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Bilderh OVERSEAS_ talking Zaire ready opens for final in Torquissault' on invaders

gried a "general offensive" guilst invalues in the southern nowince of Shabz and are now easy to launch a final assault, Government spokesman an-omiced here tonight.

The advance by the Government forces, which include years warriors with poison mows, coincided with a diplonatic assault by President folute on alleged Soviet intermence in the war and in his puntry's effairs.

The spokesman said the Fensive had been going on for fensive had been going on for tree days, with forces loyal to the President moving to drive the invaders out of the towns of Mushamba and Kapanga. A commonique issued earlier by ie official news agency, Azap, iid the offensve had been nder way for only 48 hours. he spokesman declined to ex-tain this discrepancy.

The communique indicated at Moroccan forces had been wolved directly in combat for he first time since 1,500 mived last week to help the hireans.

Kapanga, the northernmost own in areas held by the invadin is, had not been mentioned in ecent accounts and it appeared rom the communique that a scond front had been opened. President Mobutu has accused he Soviet Union of stationing agents at its embassy here and infiltrating government offices on spread subversion.

The larest accusations fol-Mobutu that the Soviet Union Cuba and Angola had backed an invasion of the mineral-rich Shaba province (formerly Katanga) by ex-Katangan gen-darmes. The three countries

President Mobusu made his new allegations in a speech delivered yesterday and published in official translation today. He said that among the government departments infil-trated by the Russians was the

h an apparent reference to premy warriors who are said to be taking part in an ad-Shabe, the President said: "We Me using our competitiots who have of perialize in the use of

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg, April 21

Nations Security Council—Brit-

Mest Germany and Canada— ears to hold talks with South African officials in Cape Town

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:: Etational solution in Namibia

lita just before Easter between

tries and Mr Vorster, the Prime

the proposed Turnhalle consti-

(South-West Africa), according

to diplomatic sources.

The talks follow a meeting

ambassadors of the five coun-

--- West Germany and Canada-

The Representatives of the five United Nation Western members of the United the territory.



A prisoner captured by Zaire forces is led into a Kinshasa stadium to be displayed at a rally.

said between 150 and 200 of the 2,000 pygmies from the northern Ituri forest area who were already due to join the Zaire Army, were involved in the fighting in Shaba.

The pygmies make their arrows from beaten tin cans are dangerous warmors who specialize in fighting in forested areas, the sources said. President Mobutu's attack on

the Soviet Union was one of the most detailed he has made so

pendence plans and called on South Africa to implement

United Nations resolutions on

The Western countries are

trying to impress on the South Africans that the multi-ethnic

Turnballe solution will not be

accepted by the world com-

The Western countries are

basing their case on Security Council resolution 385 passed on January 30, 1976. This calls

for free elections under United

Nations supervision, South Africa's political and military withdrawal from the territory,

the release of political prisoners and the abolition of

The five are also insisting

repressive legislation.

West to try again on Namibia

described the Cubans as agents of the Soviets".

In Moscow, the Soviet Union today issued a fresh denial of Soviet, Cuban or Angolan in-volvement in the fighting and denounced Western assistance

to President Mobutu. The denial followed a press conference in Kinshasha yesterday during which rebel priso-ners implicated the Soviet Union, Cuba and Angola in the conflict. It took the form of a statement by the semi-official Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee petialize in the use of far, and Western diplomats Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee since diplomatic sources since the invasion started. He Reuter.

the South-West Africa People's

Organization (Swapo) should be brought into the independ-

Yesterday's spiriting away of

more than 100 schoolchildren

from the mission school near the Namibian-Angolan border,

allegedly by Swapo guerrillas, could not have come at a more

opportune moment for the

will enable the South Africans

to demonstrate at next week's

to involve such an organization

Oshakati, South-West Africa,

April 21.—Eighteen of the 121 abducted schoolchildren have

in the independence process.

Two plots to kill President Amin

Nairobi, April 21.—President Amin of Uganda escaped two attempts on his life earlier this month, informed sources said

here today. In the Erst incident, his car was ambisued and two of his occupants were shot dead. In the second, a plot to ram the President's cur with a lorry during an Easter rally was folled because police received a

Save station 'rally

New York, April 21.—Hund-reds of people, including Mrs Jacqueline Onassis, staged a rally in front of Grand Central station today, protesting against a plan to build a 59-storey office tower on top of it.

Geos still working

Cape Canaveral, Florida, April 21.—The European scien-tific satellite Geos is still functioning even though it went into the wrong orbit shortly after being launched yesterday.

Mr Jenkins at UN

New York, April 21.-Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the Euro-pean Commission, held talks here today with Mr Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United

Athens march stopped Athens, April 21.—Police went on alert today and pre-vented thousands of left-wing students staging an anti-American protest march to the United States Embassy here.

Neto itinerary

Belgrade, April 21.—President Neto of Angola will arrive here tomorrow for a four-day official visit, his first to Yugo-He will then go to

Makarios return

Nicosia, April 21.-President Makarios of Cyprus today returned to public life after suffering a mild heart attack nearly three weeks ago.

Sartorial stigma

Brazzaville, April 21.— Congolese prisoners convicted of embezzling public funds will have to wear a special uniform

—a black jacket with a grey
stripe and black trousers.

No trial for detainees

Addis Ababa, April 21.— Suspected saboteurs will be detained for up to six months without trial under a new

Airline disrupted Tokyo, April 21.—Japan's air traffic continued to be disrup-

ted today as employees of Japan Air Lines (JAL) entered their second day of a strike for

Interference-free

Moscow, April 21. — Ten Western scientists have held an dent Soviet scientists without official interference. Previous attempts have failed.

More US-Cuba talks

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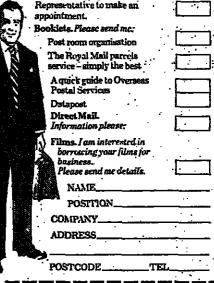
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attacked 🚁 in Ethiopia Addis Ababa, April 21.— Guerrises fighting for the inde-pendence of Ethiopia's northern

Talicant two storage ranks at the country's only on refinery in hight, the Government announced today. One man was killed and five seriously injured in fighting the fires, one of which burned through the night. The statement added that 50 people suffered superficial burns and 660,000 gallons of fuel were

province of Eritrea set fire to

The military rulers here do not normally announce the anivities of the Eritrean secessionists. Observers interpreted the statement as a move to unite Ethiopians against the Govern-

ment's opponents.
The latest attack may affect fuel supplies in several parts of Ethiopia, sources said. Motorists in the capital formed long quenes for petrol after learning lbout the attacl

Most ordinary motorists are allowed 2.2 gallons a day.—

"South African *\$*police seize church leader

Pretorie, April 21.—Fether Dominic Scholten, secretary-general of the Southern African Roman Catholic Bishops Conference, was arrested today by South African security police and charged with possession of a banned publication entitled Torture in South Africa. He was released on £35 bail. Father Scholten, a Durch national, had been prominent in the conveyees between the

in the controversy between the Church and the Government over the racial integration of Cacholic private schools earlier

He was arrested during police search of the premises of the conference, which has been searched several times by The Government has threatened to prosecute church leaders for some of their remarks about police brutality during black student demonstrations - Agence France-

A South African 'baas' finds benevolence is profitable

Feudalism with a human face

work again.

said today.-Reuter.

From Nicholas Ashford Johannesburg, April 21

In Europe, Mr Bertie van Zyl, who owns one of the largest farms in the Transvaal, would probably be dismissed paternalist. In South Africa, where social and racial aggirudes are different and where paternalism has not yet become a dirty word, he is regarded as an enlightened employer of black labour who has done far more to improve conditions for his workers than

most of his fellow farmers in uhe region. Perhaps patriarch would be the word which best describes him. His role is akin to that of an Arab potentate or a well intentioned feudal baron. He is the "baas", and his workers are not allowed to forget it. But being "bass" carries with

it certain responsibilities. For example, he sees it as his duty adequately to feed and house his workers, to look after their general welfare and to educate their children. He is also the ukrimate arbiter in disputes. "It is the rule here that anyone on the farm can bring their problems to me directly", he says. These can range from disputes over res-

trictive practices to accusations of witchcraft.

Mr van Zyl farms 37,000 acres in the nonthern Transval lowreld, about 300 miles north-east of Preoria. When he bought the farm from his father 15 years ago, it was only 1,500 acres, an average size for that part of the country. By acquiring 37 neighbouring farms, he has transformed it into one of the biggest and most successful in South Africa with a tarmover last year in excess of £1.6m. of witchcraft.

last year in excess of £1.6m. Mr van Zyl devotes most of his energy to tomato growing, which is highly labour-incensive. For most of the year, he reckons to need a work force of about 1,500, most of them

Recruitment is no problem. His farm is surrounded by fragments of various tribal "homelands"—Lebowa, Wenda and Gazankula-which provide a reservoir of cheap, unskilled a reservoir of cheap, unskilled labour. Each formight, his lor-ries go off to the "home-lands" to fetch women who will work a two-week spell on his farm and then return them to their tribal homes for a break before resuming

They are paid about 33 pence a day. In addition, they receive two hot meals a day, accommodation in hostels (16 beds to a room) and medical amention when necessary. They are on the lowest rung of the pay ladder. Further up, a tractor driver will be paid about £30 a month plus food and accommodation, a clerk £80, while a lorry driver who trans-ports the tomatoes to market in Johannesburg can make £240 in a good month.

But it is not wages so much s conditions of employment which matter most to African labourers. In recent years—at least until the present recession started—rural blacks had, like their urban counterparts, started to become choosy about who they worked for. "I could pay them double but, if they did not like me and the way I had been them they are the strength of did not like me and the way I look after them, they would not come here", says Mr van Zyl

Although

government-supporting Afrik-aaner, Mr van Zyl differs foom his conservative farming coun-terparts in that he realized some years ago the value of promoting, as he puts it, "good human relations". "good human relations".
While others provide their workers with a barn and a bag of mealies he gives a balanced diet to all his 1,500 employees, prepared in kitchens erected at his own expense. He has built a school for the 179 farm children erood between wine and 15 dren, aged between nine and 15 years. He is in the process of constructing neat three-bed-roomed houses for his senior employees. He has not received

ment subsidies. Mr van Zyl has encouraged his workers to run their own

affairs as much as possible, believing that they understand their own customs and prob-lems better than a white man. An African woman called Jane runs the hostels and kitchens. The head reacher at the school called Sdas, is also chairman of a 27-member tribal court which disciplines workers which disciplines workers found guilty of minor offences There is also a private force of black policemen who maintain law and order on the farm.

This system of "self-govern seems to work well enough, although it does inev imbly create new problems. Jane, for instance, finds that many African males dislike taking orders from a woman Some of his young educated staff find they are no longer accepted by the workers as one of them-but neither are they accepted as equals by whites.
But Mr van Zyl is no starryeyed liberal. A former heavy-weight boxing champion of northern Transvaal, he admits

that in the past he used physical power to enforce his authority. Rather, he has felt compelled for reasons of self-in-terest to give his workers a better deal. "My brother, who is also a farmer, said I was wasting my time as the Africans would never appreciate what I was doing for them. But this is not so," he

Mr van Zyl is profiting from a system of cheap labour which is the result of the Gov-ernment's "bantustan" policy.

ernment's "bantustan" policy.
On the other hand, he is creating employment in an area where there would be few job opportunities otherwise.

He reckons he could reduce the size of his workforce if the farm was fully mechanized. More importantly, he could substantially raise his turnives if he switched to markings. rather than rely on inefficient, unskilled labour. It would also spare him many of the human problems which he now has to

"There would be a good deal of hardship if I did mechanize," he says. "What would these people do? I am a a cent in the form of governfarmer, not a missionary. But sometimes I think it is necessary to act like a missionary.

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New laws to give Australian Aboriginals rights to their tribal lands are now before the Australian Federal Parliament and seem certain to be passed later this year. Ian Murray looks at why the legislation may not end

the threat to the oldest human culture in the world.

around Alice Springs. Old Aborigines for the fun of it! In the early 1940s a local police man retired honourably on his pension, although local legend has it that he once massacred 86 tribesmen on his own and then systematically killed off any potential witnesses before a state inquiry could be set up.

Until those days the Aboriginies in the red, dead centre of Australia lived much in the way they had done for the previous 30,000 years or so. They had lived without any real break in the continuity of their traditions since they migrated to the South Seas largest island. When the first convicts came unwillingly ashore at Botany Bay in 1788 there were upwards of 300,000 Aborigines in 600 different tribes living side by side right across their land.

Today there are probably no more than 50,000 plus another 100,000 or so of mixed blood. They live on missions, in reservations, in "humpies" on the fringes of civilization or in the city slums. They rarely live on what they still believe is their land and in most cases they have lost the skill and the will to do so.

Australia, which has for so long taken pride in its tough, convict past, is increasingly being forced to be ashamed of the near genocide those tough fore-bears carried out. Now with a sudden rush of conscience motivating politicians on both sides of Parliament, new laws to try to make amends are being passed. However fine the intentions of today's legislators, there seems little hope that they can repair the damage that has

Dick Kimber is a big, bearded Australian with a surprisingly gentle voice. He works as a teacher in Alice Springs and devotes his spare time to bedevotes his spare time to be-coming friends with the Abo-riginies. He has been adopted into a tribe, has his own native name and knows some of the secrets of his own tribe's ritual. He has some feeling for the deep bond that links an Aborigine to his land—although even he cannot put it into

Ecologists, environmentalists

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ners are becomming increasingly worried about a new

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The Stone Age ended just be | the dreamtime, when Aborifore the Second World War gines believe everything was created, to the honey bee and the termite have their meaning timers still talk of those days and their purpose to the Aboriwhen men were men and shot gine. Every object has its spirit ancestor binding it to a specific place and every man has his own spirit totem which binds him to that place. The bond is insoluble and quite umeless, binding a man from

before his birth until after his death. On the rights to the produce of his land the Aborigine survived. He had no right to another's land and died if he trespassed. That was the cultural background to the ability of the Aborigines to live in a land where even today, for all the sophistication of western civilization, most of us would soon die if left to our own devices.

Within living memory that culture has been all but des-troyed. In Dick Kimber's words: "Something which has survived for some 40,000 years could be destroyed in an instant."

The destruction has not come solely from the barrels of guns.
Disease, alcohol and religion
have all exacted a worse toll
than bullets and worst villain of all has probably been the benefit of civilization itself. Readily available supplies of food and water on missions and cattle stations lured the Abori-

gines away from their own lands and today's generation is growing up without the skills of survival that were once taught from the cradie. They are changing physically as well. Where once their bodies were lean and almost skeletal, now they tend to grow pot belies, still supported and served by thin, bony limbs. Where once, quite naked, they could withstand extreme changes of temperature in a 24-hour cycle by changing their own body tem-peratures, enforced wearing of clothes means that they now feel the cold like the rest of

It is the break-up of their mythology that is destroying their culture. Alcohol plays its part as the young men seek to sell their tribes' sacred relics to get the money to buy it and migrate to the towns to live in poverty to be near it. Religion undermines the fundamental beliefs in the dreamtime we feel as if we were naked." mythology that is destroying their culture. Alcohol plays its tal beliefs in the dreamtime and the absolute seniority of the elders in controlling the

The elders for their part having grown up in the Stone Age now find themselves struggling to contend with a Everything from the red young generation growing up ochre, which was the blood of in an extremely materialistic creation at the beginning of twentieth century.

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The agricultural use of these

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Now, to aid them in their struggle come the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Terri-tory) Bill 1976, the Aboriginal Councils and Associations Bill 1976 and the States Grants (Aboriginal Assistance) Bill. The law seems sure to be passed soon.

It will in essence mean that in the Northern Territories, which is under Federal control, Aboriginal land trusts will be established which will hold title to the land on behalf of the traditional owners of that land. They will be admini-stered by land councils, which will have the right to authorize or prevent development and mining-except in the national interest. The new law clearly envisages that the Aborigines would be able, on their own land, to enforce their tradi-tional laws.

In the words of Mr Viner, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs: "It is a fundamental change in social thinking in Australia to recognize that within our community there are some people, the Aborigines, who live by a unique and dis-tinct system of customary law."

This fundamental change is being viewed with suspicion by many of the older Aborigines on the outstations. They fear that the law is cleverly worded to hoodwink them. They cannot see why a law is needed to give them what is theirs any-way. They do not believe the land council will reflect their traditional interests. The views of Luther Urrbutja,

the views of Lumer Urroutja, the wrinkled 58-year-old leader of the people near Haast's Bluff, are clear: "Aborigines think this way. They should give us our land, helping us in various ways and then someone should be here to assist and look after us. That's what we think. That's strange what they're doing. They have deformed tongues. They are capable of saying things but that's all. They can't speak with an understanding of Aboriginal law or an understanding of

The law will be passed and the old order will change and yield place to new. Because the old order means that the Aborigines have an infant mortality rate five times higher than in the rest of the Australian population; that most of them regard education as



Father and daughter. Aborigines in Amoonguna Government Settlement, Alice Springs.

made alcoholics; that they ere of faith to describe the mean20 times more likely in towns ing of ceremonies and drawings to break the white man's laws than the white man; the change noted Australian ambropolo-

The apparent bad side of the Aborigine character bred that attitude of the earlier settler that led them to be shot for that led them to be shot for sport. It was not so much their character, however, as a total failure by one culture to understand another. For example, the "unreliable Abo" goes walkabout like any nomadic hunting people moving

if he owns the place—which is partly true. He retired there ten years ago at the age of 39 having made one fortune on a cattle station. Now he is half way to making another fortune running buses, tours and a motel for trippers. "I never bothered about the three Rs",

The new law may succeed in creating sanctuaries for those Aborigines who really can identify with that particular stretch of land, but it is un-likely that their culture can survive beyond the require-ments of being a tourist attrac-tion with all the loss of dignity that entails. It is probable that most real men among them will choose in the end to integrate and ride the range for men like Jack Watkins. The town Aborigines seem doomed to lose their identity if they are to succeed and to be despised if

found out something of its

they do not.

ing of ceremonies and drawings.
A book by Charles Mountford,
noted Australian ambropologist, was legally prevented from publication earlier this year because it told some of the secrets of the Pitjanjatjara tribe. Although we are within reach of finding out in detail the workings of a stone age culture, it may well be described. thre, it may well be destroyed before enough trust and under-standing can be established for comprehensive research. It may

Jack Watkins is a big man in every sense of the word. He slings his big beef-and-beer filled belly off a wide leather belt and walks round Alice as if he owns the place—which is partly true. He would be too late.

Ayres Rock is a huge mono-lith in the desert some 300 miles south-west of Alice Springs. Like all parts of the land it is sacred to the Aboriting true. He would be too late. bounds to any whites. Wealthy tourists fly there from all over the world to watch the sunse reflected flaming red to deep purple on its smooth sandstone flanks.

A small cluster or "humpies" litter the desert near the base, the temporary home of Aborigines when they visit the rock. In the midst of the bumples is a tree with a tattered canvas over it that throws a deep black shadow like an umbrella. In the centre of the shadow there sat one evening an Aborigine who booked as old as time itself, his back to the blazing sunset people fly tens of thousands of miles to see, his wrinkled eyes staring out across the desert, across the land of his fathers and back to the dreamtime itself. It was a red, baked land where no one would want to live or be able to live. But to The old culture was never the old proud elder it was written down and those whites like Dick Kimber who have the had to live whatever the haw said. It is unlikely his

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gramme. The governments of the cauntries receiving this aid —Somalia, Kenya, Chad, Niger and Botswana—may be unaware of the danger to the global engineers of relavoing to the control of global environment of releasing these stable poisons upon their lands and waterways, via which they will find their way to the oceans—and so into our fish

German bilateral aid is also sponsoring (to the tune of DM17m) the aerial spraying of vast tsetse-infested tracts of Nigeria and Cameroon with the same chemicals, for similar declared objectives. This similar declared objectives. Inis latter programme, started in 1970 and due to continue until 1978, and affecting almost a third of Nigeria's 924,000 sq km as well as some 9,000 sq km of neighbouring Cameroon, involves helicopter spraying of the gallery forest along rivers and gailery forest along rivers and watercourses at dosages of one tonne of what is euphemistically called "active ingredient" per 10 sq km, mainly with dieldrin—a more deadly cousin of DDT named after its German inventor Otto Diel.

One of the tragic ironies of this "development" is that the poor rural inhabitants living downstream obtain 80 per cent or more of their protein ration from fish and wild animals. Killing off their traditional food sources will only impoverish them further, for the beef which the operation hopes to produce will be beyond their financial reach in any case. It will go to supply the rich city markets, or if the hopeful expectations of the local authorities. of the local authorities are realized, will be canned for the richer export markets of the industrialized countries.

The tragedy is underscored by the fact that an alternative does exist—one which better answers the need for meat while containing no threats to the environment, either through chemical pollution or through any angular and ultimate. aggravated erosion and ultimate desertification. For not only do the poorer African people obtain their meat supplies from wildlife many of the richer sections of the community—those who could afford to buy beef if it were available-also prefer game meat if they can

This has been convincingly demonstrated by several studies undertaken in West Africa (some by FAO's own experts), where game meat-locally known as "bushmeat"frequently commands higher prices on the city markets than meat from conventional domes-tic animals. A number of projects have in fact been proposed, aiming at using the renewable natural resource

German petrochemical industry which wild animals could repre-to realize this project, under the FAO/Industry Cooperation Pro-organized cropping of surpluses

experts generally counter arguments that "tryps" resistant buffalo, antelope or wild pigs should be farmed instead of "tryps"—vulnerable exotic livestock with incantations of the ferish "productivity". But Robinson McClvaine, executice vice-president of the Washington-based African Wildwashington-based Arrican who-life Leadership Foundation, says that a Galana in Kenya, where AWLF has for some years been sponsoring a game ranching scheme in conjunction with a large cattle ranch, domesticated herds of oryz

domesticated herds of oryx out-perform Boran carrie, sheep and goats in terms of productivity.

Dr John King, AWLF's project manager a Galama has also proved — by doing it — that African buffalo, eland and oryx can be tamed, herded and handled (even dehorned and castrated if necessary) as easily as transparent or the carrier of the castrated in as free-ranging cattle.

billion of them), and a creature

to all intents and purposes extinct in the wild, is the domestic fowl. Its existence is

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service to man—and its species survival no more threatened than we all are by the world-wide pollution of careless tech-

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Sentimental wildlife protec tionists express strong reservaexploiting wildlife resources But the alternatives in a meat hungry world are regrettably few. Poisoning the global environment with man-made chemicals in order to introduce chemicals in order to introduce domestic livestock which conflicts with wildlife, and inevitably leads to the wild animals' elimination—if only through competition for fodder—will most probably end in habitat degradation to the point where nothing at all can live there.

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Brando and James Dean; and last week his film won the Oscar for Best Picture of the

The quality of daydream inhabits the picture itself. It is se: somewhere over the rain-bow from Martin Scorsese's mean streets of Leathe Italy; and in the face of its optimistic fantasy, it is impossible not m invoke the name of the earlier, Sicilian born weaver of American fairytales, Frank

Rocky himself, however-Rocky imself, however—shambling, dumbish, inarticulate, senselessly dogged rather than consciously ambitious in persisting as a boxer when all the opinion is against his being able to make it at 30 years old—is a good deal nearer to suppose than the conserver and the conserver. Scorsese's punks than to Capra's whimsical optimists.

He is insulted by his fellow



Sylvester Stallone as Rocky

boxers and the aged, second-rate trainer (Burgess Mere-dith) at the gymasium. He ekes out the little he gets from backstreet matches by working as strong arm for a Mafia boss, though he is too kindly to be much good at that either. He is in love with his pet turtles, and attracted by the girl in the animal shop, a stage less arti-culate than he is himself. They are brutally but effectively thrown together by her thrown together by her butcher brother, Rocky's friend. It's a good match, as Rocky explains: "She's got

gaps and I got gaps. Our gaps go together." Stallone then requires you to hurl disbelief out of the window, and credit that the heavy-weight champion of America— a rather more flamboyant Muhammad Ali—frustrated in a plamed bicentennial bour, decides instead to meet Rocky in the ring, because he likes his nom de guerre, "The Italian Stallion".

After that hurdle of credibil-ity, the film has a clear run in, on the familiar month of the ring as the poor boy's only road to fame, fortune and self-confrontation. Rocky, training unconventionally by punching

carcasses of meat in a cold stare, startles the expectation of all his friends, though on the eve of the fight he couhe can't win; all he wants is to survive a round or two, just prove he's not just a bum like the rest.

He succeeds. The chimactic boxing match conveys all the pain and strain of Rocky's dogged refusal to go down under superior odds. The bour and the film end with Rocky battered beyond recognition, but triumphant in his own simple sense of honour achieved.

The cliches and the senti-ment (which climaxes in the last moments as Rocky and his girl cry to each other over the roar of the crowds) are vali-dated by Stallone's evident intense belief in all of them. His performance is fascinating, giving the impression that Rocky is never entirely in cer-tain control of himself as he shambles about, acting upon erratic moments of decision, talking endlessly, often inco-berently as his words seem to go in chase of meanings. He is Giannini—swaggerers whose supported by Talia Shire (sister showy machismo covers a tan-

Three Georges then takes us into more personal territory: William Kent's delightful conversational staircase for

versational staircase for George I at Kensington, and

Most of all, the programme

expands into a detailed and

sympathetic portrait of George

III, partly contributed by

Prince Charles, and showing a

of Francis Ford Coppola) who gle of terrors both of life and death. After this she made a couple of lightweight entertainalso brings her own conviction to the rather baldly written role of a plain, shy, uncommunicative girl brought out by love; and by Burgess Meredith, knowingly expert as the old trainer, a triumphant little ment musicals, but discovered her form, style and the charac-teristic Wertmüller-Giannini hero in 1972 with Mimi Metal-lurgico ferito nell'Onore. In the four Italian films that have Hitler in his own element but followed the theme has been fairly consistent: narrow and a sad and uncertain old man This country has so far stayed immune to the violent enthusiasm for the films of Lina Wertmüller which has led stupid men masking rimidity and despair under braggart notions of bonour, at once the oppressors and the victims of

> The message of Seven Beau-ties is quite simply that all the world's a brothel Pasqualino is called "Seven Beauties" because he is the protector of his seven ox-like sisters and their mother. When he dis-covers that the oldest and most hideous of them has become a tart, he kills her pimp-lover (rather accidentally) and dumps the body. The sister turns him in, but the influence of the local Don gets his senrence commuted to a term in a lunaric asylum. There he rapes a violent female patient, and is shipped off to the front. Deserting he is slapped into a German concentration camp.

monstrous, voracious women.

oldest sister whose whole person seems somehow concentrated on her great horse mouth. The nightmare of the concentration camp, with corpses dangling from the cellings or carelessly heaped in naked piles, is nearer Goya's Disasexpression (sine is reputed to shoot a wordless version of every scene as a constant guard against the risks of her thearrical background) and the expressiveness of Giannini's mine and deep, black, haunced

eyes, sometimes recalls Chaplin in his blacker moments. The contrast between Pasqualini's modest murder and the massacres of the concentration camp, for instance, echoes Monsieur Verdoux; but Wert-müller's line in slapstick rejoices in an indecency all its own. As little Pasqualino wrestles with the body of his victim it insults him with a recital of post-mortem breakings of wind. As he subsequently stag-gers along the street with three suitcases packed with severed limbs, he is pursued by

Wermuller is undeniably a powerful talent whose sense of the grotesque and reckless in-

the grotesque and reckless in-discretion owe much to the in-fluence of Fellini, with whom she worked as assistant, and whom she still idolizes. Her vision (realized with the col-laboration of her art director husband Enrico Job) lies some-where between Job; and George

where between Goya and George Grosz. Grosz is to the fore in the depiction of female mons-ters (which means most of the women in her films) like the

hungry dog. The copulation of the weak and starving Pasqualino with the German commandant, the wretched little man struggling way up a mountain of flesh, is a spectacle anticipated in Mimi Metallurgico. Like the rest of the film it is rorty and funcy and watchable. Yet a vision of life that is so totally odious, an attack on mankind that is viruperative rather than critical, inevitably leaves you bewildered and even (given its evident commercial appeal)

David Robinson

A kind of comedy that Seeing a way to stay alive and eat, he gathers up the remains of his virility to service the camp commandant—a vast temale pachyderm built like a billock (Shirley Stoler). Repatriated after the war he finds his whole family have come to terms with the need to survive: his seven sisters and aged mother are runging a thriving whorehouse gaily decorated with American flags, tigarettes and kewpie dolls, for the victors. goes beyond laughter

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Going to see a new Alan Ayckbourn comedy these days is not so much a matter of meeting new characters as of discovering old friends in altered circumstances. It is not the first time that Ayckbourn has laid out this play's two desperate wives, their lethally well-meaning husbands and vampire mothers-in-law on the dissecting table. But what counts is his capacity to show them from a different angle; bringing a formerly unseen figure into full view, endowing a tacitum character with speech, converting a gloomy bachelor into a downcast married man. The Norman Conquests was supposed to be a miracle of narrative organizadiscovering old friends in almiracle of narrative organiza-tion, but it is beginning to look as though the entire Ayckbourn opus amounts to a single Balzacian epic on the fears and miseries of English suburbia.

There remains the contrast between Ayckbourn the master comic technician, and Ayckbourn the bleak anatomist of the marriage trap: and if Bedroom Farce exemplified the first. Just Between Ourselves emphatically represents the second. For every belly laugh in Alan Strachan's lucidly measured production, there are 10 rimes when you crack a smile of rueful recognition: at the sight of women stranded in a televisual desert while their men take refuge in the alibi of do-it-yourself jobs, or needing a good night's sleep. Adultery gets no footbold in this world: t may be good copy, but, as Ayckbourn shows, the male has plenty of ways of switching a marriage off without involving himself in erotic complications.

It is as much a mistake as it was in his "entertainment" days to boil this author down to content. For there would be no point in summarizing its marriage counselling argument if it were not as cunningly assembled as his most uproarious farce. Ayckbourn wants to bring his two couples together, and to show the petty rules of suburban etiquette stifling spontaneous feeling. Up

goes the curtain on Patrick Robertson's chaotic workroom-

garage where Dennis is trying to sell Neil an old banger: an abortive transaction that re-

veals Colin Blakely's Dennis as

a superannuated mother's boy fanatically intent on looking on the bright side, and Michael Gambon's Neil as a limply in-

Moon it gives the feeling of

having come home at last, as

the play is primarily about dock

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pure and his opposition evil. Even in the basic style of the 7:84's production, with direct

addresses to the audience and

skeletal enactments of the narrative interrupted frequently for somes, he conveys a human-

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Just Between Ourselves decisive hypochondriac who can not even drive a car.

The characterization is slammed home when their wives succeed in making an entry through the jammed doors; and we get the contrast of Dennis's masterful patronage of Vera (Rosemary Leach) who is clearly going round the bend, and Neil's abject submission to the sharp-tongued Pam (Stephanie Turner) who is still dreaming of the career shemight have had. It is her birthday, and he had vaguely thought of buying her the car as a substitute for what he cannot bring himself to supply in bed. characterization

Birthdays furnish Ayckbourn, with the rest of the action and the means of showing the triumph of manners over feeling. Each of the play's four scenes moves on to another birthday party, trifer the respective signs of Taurus (Dennis), Scorpio (Pam) and Aquarius (Vera). Astrologically minded spectators may decide on how far these signs colour the events, but whatever the stellar predominance, they are increasingly ghastly Birthdays furnish Ayckbourn they are increasingly ghastly occasions.

Vera is the first to put her foot in it by failing to bake Dennis a cake, an omission on which his mother (Constance Chapman) gloatingly harps with the gratifying effect of reducing her daughter-in-law to a nervous collapse in a cascade of flying sugar. Proceeding to the mother's birthday, Dennis's-carefully planned scenario of fairy-lights and ceremonial cake, march is disrupted when the distracted Vera assaults the guest of honour with an elec-tric drill with sanding attachment. Finally Vera celebrates' her birthday, sitting blanketed against the cold and withdrawn into a state of speechless, catatonia. Mother has kindly baked her a small cake. After two hig cursin laughe the last. two big curtain laughs, the last scene turns to pure ice.

The production places full trust in the play's austerity. Each character is boldly and precisely drawn, leaving onefree to observe exactly how they miss each other whenever they. try to speak the truth: Mr. Gambon, spilling out marital, confidences in a brain-washedmonotone amid Mr Blakely's: cheerful drilling; Miss Leach, still keeping up her amiable smile as she asks her husband for help, to which he responds kindly by asking her to make a list of all the little things that a list of all the little things that need fixing in the house. This kind of comedy goes beyond

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Michael Ratchiffe

it was remarkable enough to immine her own treasures and, fresh from the State Opening of Parliament, doing a little piece to camera about the Imperial State Crown; it was stirring, when you thought about it, to hear her talk about Edward the Confessor and the Black Prince, Henry V and "the first Queen Elizabeth", but quite the most thrilling oment in the opening programme of this nine-part series come when she said the word "treasure" beg much. Some abused monarch quite unrami-"Cromwell"; firmly, cleanly monarchs have collected for liar even in Britain: his archi-and straightforwardly as she love, some built for survival, tectural drawings, schoolbooks said everything else, but a distinct historical frisson was

There weren't many more. Other than the comparatively informal participation of the royal family inself (cleverly un-

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know when it is coming), real political and economic expect nothing very innovative power into the great Whig from Royal Heritage. It is the country houses The First Jubilee Export Number, nimbly and enthusiastically presented by Sir Hugh Whel-don and washed down with enough ceremonial and royal spin-offs—Trooping, Garter, In-vestiture, Garden Parties, Frederick Prince of Wales, Fourth of June, and "Zadok who bought a superb Van Fourth of June, and "Zadok who bought a superb Van the Priest"—to set the dollars Dyck, commissioned a gilded tingling in Television Centre. barge and established the tingling in Television Centre. barge and established the The Medieval Kings was hand. Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. some, of course, but save for a visit to Chinon and Fontre-Henry II, Eleanor of Aquitaine and Richard I it looked

predictable and safe. The words "heritage" and side of that judicious but still "treasure" beg much. Some abused monarch quite unfamiothers endowed custom and ("Monsieur César, je vous soit tradition. Many, I imagine, did au diable"), and beloved scientific instruments, clocks, paintificre sagment to the press at first sagment to confirm the confirmation of first seemed to confirm the gives some hope that the series modesty of our royal house, might warm to its splendid royal family itself (cleverly un-derplayed by the producer the grandest art of the eight-Michael Gill so that you never eenth century followed the

BSO/Provatorov

William Mann

Colston Hall, Bristol

Gennady Provatorov, who made

his debut in Britain on Wed-

nesday, comes from Moscow,

has worked there and in Khar-

kov, and now conducts at the

Maly Thearre in Leningrad. He came here as the guest of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and brought as visiting cards not only Shostakonicki was a supply that the

vich's teach symphony but the second suite from Ravel's Dophnis et Chloe and Richard

Strauss's Till Eulenspiegel.
At first Mr Provatorov

eloquent, a great test for a symphonic conductor. Mr Pro-

vatorov miked its eloquence and spread the product more

than generously until unity was dispelled and we were left with glorious but disconnected sec-

tions of music. Finely as his colleagues supported him, his

might warm to its splendid subject and that the first programme may have been the least exciting of the nine. flamboyant, imperious style of conducting seemed unnecesconducting seemen unineces, sarily heavy, indeed mannered, as if he were afraid that the music might not please, though it can hardly fail to do so.

The symphony—it is a great symphony, possibly the most eloquent of any composed in this century—suffered from the piecemeal treatment. Mr Provatorov brought more musical subdiety to the second Daphnis et Chloè suite of Ravel, much of it skilfully modulated and exquisitely played though again the climaxes were reached too soon, even in the Daybreak section.

Strauss's Till Eulenspiegel was allotted plenty of character, but also far too much rubato and alteration of pace, at arsi Mr rroyatorov appeared to be trying too hard. His Bournemouth players responded loyally but as if to a bullidozer when the job called for a tenderizer. Shostakovich's first movement is long and chonents a mast tast for more than is carefully indicated by the composer. Mr Provatorov attained lovely woodwind and violin solos, but massed the symphonic unity of the piece. The market scene, the sermon, and the later excursions of Till were unnecessarily exaggerated. The conductor was given a warm welcome by his Bristol a water was the excel-lent playing of the BSO and the quality of the music chosen which gave most pleasure.

A short view of the British stage

Art on Stage, an exhibition devoted to the contemporary British dieaure in prints, drawings, mixed media and original designs, is on view at the National Theatre until May 21.

National Theatre until May 21.

Last year a group of some 15 young artists with an interest in the contemporary theatre, baller, opera or musical were invited to produce work for an exhibition. The artists' contributions range from "performance" pieces by Paul Neagu and Marc Chaimowicz, architectural studies by Glyun Boyd. tural studies by Glynn Boyd Harte, thearrical fantasies by Ian Beck, Martin Fuller, Brian series of portraits of major

rent or recent productions in this country, including The Playboy of the Western World and Jumpers at the Olivier and Lyttelton Theatres, Coq d'Or at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, and The Comedy of Errors at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre,

Royal Shakespear Stratford-on-Avon. For his production of Hor wath's Tales from the Vienna Woods Maximilian Schell allowed several of the artists participating in the exhibition to sir in on rehearsals, and the ser model of this production by Timothy O'Brien and Tazeena

Firth is also shown. Art on Stage was devised and organized by Francis Kyle of Thumb Gallery, London, where Harte, theatrical lanuages by laumo Gamery, London, where a smaller version of the exhibition as a smaller version of the exhibition as a smaller version of the exhibition was first shown in February. After the National theatre directors by Adrian George.

The exhibition also shows set Stratford-n-Avon and major and costume designs from our provincial galleries.

Paul Scofield: someone special

distinguished gazelle Paul Sco-field hovers over the postwar history of the English theatre. time accomplished practitioner and its most distanced participant. Conceivably you can only arrive at what he is by first deciding what he is not. On the one hand, for reasons the one hand, for reasons which neither he nor anyone else has ever made adequately clear, he is not one of the actor knights, which leaves Richardson, Gielgud, Redgrave, Gnioness, Mills and, come to that, Bernard Miles and John Clements ranged above him in age and seniority. On the other hand, nor does he belong by experience, age or conditioning to the Finney-Williamson group whom in their early for-

New York critics to such breathless phrases as John Simon's "in the highest regions of cinematic art". The adulation and the box-office

success are the more surpris-

ing in a writer-director of such

uncompromising pessimism, aggressive misanthropy and exaggerated misogyby.

Her career as a director goes back to 1963 when she made I

Basilischi, a study of a group

of young provincials, endlessly boasting about sex but terri-fied when faced with the rea-

lity, which looks forward to the later series of heroes, gen-

erally played by Giancarlo

group whom in their early for-ties we are still inclined to classify as the young lions.

So that leaves Scofield, alongside Alec Guinness (whom of all actors he priva-tely most resembles, though that is still not saying a very great deal) in an uneasy kind of stopgap generation, for 30 years now Olivier's heir apparent and yet already old enough at 55 to be doing the kind of eminence-grise guest starring that Gielgud is offer-ing in the new Scofield-Hall Volpone which opens at the National on Tuesday after a royal gala performance tomorroyal gala performance tomor-row for the Queen's Jubilee

Appeal.

Scotield (making his debut on the Olivier stage) leads a distinguished company including not only Gielgud (as Sir Politic Wouldbe) but also Ben Kingsley, Paul Rogers, Elizabeth Spriggs, Hugh Paddick and Michael Medwin under the direction of Peter Hall, who nearly a year ago sent Scotield a copy of the Jonson script:

"I don't think Pd ever

"I don't think I'd ever

really understood the play when I'd seen it performed, and I'd never really been drawn to it, but then I read it and it really did seem very good, and I thought it was enforced in I thought it was encouraging that the National management suddenly wanted very much to suddenly wanted very much to stage it. That seems to be a far better reason for a revival than waiting for a Jonson anniversary or anything like that. It's a real petformers' play, you know, with a whole range of marvellous parts: when Wolfit did it he used to cut back most of the other characters [including Gielgud's Policic Wouldbe] I think in order to reduce both the running time and the competition ning time and the competitien on stage. But we're doing the whole lot."

Scoffeld is not, as he glee-fully recognizes, the easiest man to write about: "I give about one interview every five years and somehow that always seems to start off 'Paul Sconeid is a very private person'. It's been going on for so long now that it's become a sort of family joke, and I half-expect people to ring me up and say 'Is that Paul Scofield the very private person? . But



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Paul Scofield

trick will go wrong. If I could explain what I do on the stage, then I wouldn't have to go up there every night and do it. Somehow the explanation, even if I could phrase one, would diminish the work. Also, in print, I usually end up sounding either pompous or smug about my work and I'm actually neither of these things."

Nor is he much of a com pany man, despite the fact that he has in his time been an associate director of both the he also once ran in partnership season at the Phoenix.

directors, and we used to char about the kind of plays that might one day be done there. But in the end a committee But in the end a committee never makes any real decisions and it was always Larry or Ken Tynan or someone who chose the plays, so it seemed a bit pointless. I used to go along, eager to make some sort of contribution, and all they really seemed to want was polite conversation show polite conversation about vague possibilities. I'm not good at all that, though I do in fact love company life once you're in rehearsal, because then the group knows what it is

supposed to be doing. "But I don't agree that I never really belonged to a generation of actors: Burton, you know, was almost an exact contemporary of mine and we came up together through Stratford and the Tennett management after the war. I used to worry a lot that he'd get to Fine Leve before I ing about myself or my work, he'd get to King Lear before I About myself there seems so did, but then he went off to little to say, and about my Hollywood so very early and I work I believe like the consuppose I was rather on my juror at a children's party that own after that, But if you're

if you show them how the rab-bits come out of the hat, then work then you'd have to look somehow next time I try it the trick will go wrong. If I could started together at Birmingham in 1945."

It was Barry Jackson who brought them together at Birmingham, Jackson who said of Scofield then that "he has the future in his eyes", and Brook who later said of Scofield that he had in large measure the ability to leave space around himself on a stage and equally the quality of resonance so that "on a simple word like 'might' he will pause, stirred in some mysterious inner chamber, and his whole nature will then respond." Scofield is in no doubt about his debt to Brook:

"At the Phoenix we were "When the National was at supposedly joint directors and the Old Vic I did sir on a sort we used to consult, but with of committee of associate Peter that meant he decided what to do and I agreed. have no taste for power, and you have to enjoy power now to run a theatre. Jackson managed to run Birmingham without any sense of power, but that was 30 years ago and the money involved was so much smaller. In those days it never occurred to me that I was going to be a leading man: I just kept getting these rather good parts because everyone else was old enough to be away at the war. I was a schoolmaster's son, you know they say teachers and cler gymen always produce the bes actors, I suppose because the jobs have so much public

speaking in common But wanted to be an actor so that could get away from institu-tions: I had a horror of organizations, which is why I've never understood the kind of actors who are good at rupning companies. I became an actor precisely to avoid ever having to run anything except myself

Sheridan Morley | yesterday's later editions.

using the higher-paid dockers, beginning with the jailing of five dockers in 1972. At the centre of his story, but on the far fringes of history, he places a worker more imbued with the East End spirit of the Kray Brothers than unionism, who is called Hudi after Yehudi Menuhin, because of his passion for

England, as opposed to the 7:84 Theatre Company Scot-land, which was at the Royal "fiddling ". Court last week, has just wound its way from the provinces to London's East End with Devid The radical education of Hudi, too, conflicts with the unions, imprisonment for his "fiddling" and a post-prison Edgar's new play, Wreckers. It may well have had resonance outside London, for its socialist intentions, but at the Half struggle to take over his local Labour Party, is shown against the political climate: a change of governments, the decline of the pound, the "emesculation" of the Docks' Bill by the House of Lords, the bulldozing of the Not that Mr Edgar, a prac-tised polemicist, leaves out the broader issues. Nor does he simplistically make his heroes

Wreckers is not so rousing as some of 7:84's work, many of the opening jokes are forced and a sincerely played scene in the home of a Labour ministeris discordant, rather like the intrusion of television realism into music-hall. But, despite the blatancy of its form, the play has subtleties and is richly approximately and the subtleties are subtleties. entertaining. The 7:84 company have refined the use of music. as an accusatory and unifying device which, given Mr Edgar's pungent lyrics, keeps the show, moving rapidly and keeps one involved in both the storytelling

programme was devoted. Sym-

phony No 33 did not fare too well at their slow tempos. At

be emphasizing grace and ele-gance, but there was insuffici-

ent momentum to carry them

from one phase to the next;

the effect became sluggish, especially in the Audante, taken at molto adagio. Wir is to be found in the finale, but they hardly looked.

There was, however, much pleasure to be had from the playing of Walter Boeykens in

an unusually sweet and even

tone, with a soft, oily chalumeau region leading smoothly into a well defined middle register, and a clear and round ckarion

range. His articulation is clean and easy; his soft playing beautifully controlled; his dis-

patching of the trickiest passagework seemingly effortless.

Finally there was the Sin-

Clarinet Concerto.

istic ambiguity, a recognition of flaws in the people he none the less supports. His story is mainly of the effort made by dock workers to stop the practice of companies using container depots to avoid and the politics.

Brussels Mozart Orchestra Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Stanley Sadie That a conductor's style and deportment find a reflection in

the way his orchestra plays is not always apparent. There are those who can raise a roof by flicking an eyebrow and those who can never raise a spark no matter how violently they dis-Guy Barbier, who brought his Orchestre Mozart de la Ville de Bruxelles, founded 20 years ago, to London for the first time, has a somewhat florid and sinuous manner on the rostrum; and to that I would attribute the orthestra's way of cribes them as an orchestra of coloists with a flexible style of performance, and both observations are regretably true. They play like soloists, the strings especially, rather than playing carefully together, and the grainy, uneven violin tone is witness to that. They play so flexibly that their rhythm has become like a piece of sprung steel in an advanced stage of

metal fatigue. More vigour and more rhythmic backbone are needed in Mozart, to whom much of their

Change of conductor David Atherton has had to withdraw from conducting the Royal Opera's revival of La traviata

fonia Concertante for wind instruments, ascribed to Mozart on the filmsiest evidence and never sounding remotely like a piece he would have put his name to, with its cheap and repetitive invention. The arbitrary tempo changes and over-tapered dynamics scarcely en-hanced its plausibility; but much of the solo playing, mostly in a French-inclined style, was assured and style, wa musicianly.

rest for four weeks. Jacques Delacote, the young French conductor, will replace him. M Delacote conducted the revival of Gound's Faust at Covent Garden last June. He also con-(April 27 and 30, May 4, 9, (April 27 and 30, May 4, 9, ducted a new production of La traviata at the Düsseldorf Opera and, on doctor's orders, has to in September last year.

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Records of Profumo inquiry still kept in Cabinet Office

said at question time that he had checked on the statement by the Master of the Rolls, Lord Denning, in the House of Lords yesterday. about the records of the Profumo

It is quite true (he said) that as Lord Denning suggested at one stage some time ago, it was pro-posed that the records should be destroyed. It was agreed that they should not be handed over as public records but they have not been destroyed. They are still kept in

Lord Denning has been informed about this and I understand he will make a statement later.
Later in the House of Lords,

Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Chancel-lor made a statement relating to the debate on public records pesterday.

During the debate (he said)
Lord Densing stated that he had
been asked whether the surviving
evidential material submitted dur-

ing the inquiry he conducted into the Profumo affair could be destroyed. He told the House that he agreed in the circumstances to this seine done. I have discussed this matter with

Lord Denning this afternoon and he has authorized me to inform the House that when he added last night that the evidence had been desiroyed he assumed and interred from the circumstances I have mentioned that this had been done. In fact, it was not done, and as the Prime Minister said in the Commons this afternoon, the docu-ments in question are in the

asked me to say how sorry he is that he drew the wrong inference and he is glad to know that the documents have not been des-

The Earl of St Aldwyn, for the Opposition—We are grateful to him for putting the record right. It is important that in a matter of this sort that the record should be

Lord Gladwyn (L)—It is a good thing that the record should be put straight. Is there any poont, in the circumstances, in hanging on to this record any more? Could it not be destroyed now? After all Mr Profumo has now been, so to speak, rehabilitated.

The evidence was given on the understanding that it would never be quoted as coming from the man who gave the evidence. I suppose nere is a concervance possionly or leaks which might be distressing to some people. Is there any point in hanging on to the documents? Why should they not be des-

Lord Elwyn-Jones-The document question were and are public ocuments and the question as to their disposal does not arise at this

The question is wholly hypothet-ical in the circumstances and it will be for the government of the day and the Lord Chancellor of the day when the matter comes to be deter-mined to answer the question posed by Lord Gladwyn.

Farm minister considers process of changing the CAP has begun consinue that process so that we get the best possible improvement we can. (Labour cries of "Let's come out" and "It's a waste of

The Prime Minister said that if the Minister of Agriculture (Mr John Silkin) could secure the kind of farm prices settlement that the Cabinet had given their authority for, it would be the best sextlement for the consumer under the com-mon agricultural policy since the United Kingdom entered the Common Market.

Mr Callaghan considered that that would be an achievement well worth hoting.

His comments followed many questions to Mr Silicin on food prices and his negotiations with fellow EEC agriculture ministers. Mr Silkin indicated that he hoped they would get a package, of which the House and the country would approve, by Tuesday or Wednes-day of next week when all the sary information could be

He was meeting Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, later in the day. Some Labour MPs called for a break or othdrawal from the EEC. They were at a sea change in the

basis of the common agricultural policy, Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said during the exchanges. Mr Tom Arnold (Hazel Grove, C), questioning the minister on his plans for reviewing the CAP, said: plans for reviewing me CAP, said: Have not the passage of time and the progressive expansion of the Community somewhat altered the original basis of the CAP? An increasing EEC urban electrorate and deckining agricultural vote

must imply an increase in consum-er pressures.

Is he convinced that representatives of European consumer asso-ciations enjoy a proper structured relationship to the institutions of

the Community?

Mr John Biffen (Oswestry, C)—Is it not now evident that there are improvements in animal husbandry in consinental Europe which mean that dairy surpluses, far from being occasional, will become endemic? Mr Silkin (Lewisham, Deptford, Lab)—That is a valuable question. We are at a sea change in the basis of the CAP. I was the first Presi-dent of the Council of Ministers Given that the current structure of the CAP persists, will that not result in the British consumer being obliged to accept a bed of ever to receive a deputation of European consumers. Up to now deputations have always come from COPA. It is right they should, because producers have a firm interest in the workings of the CAP

But this was the first time the consumers had come, and I venture to suggest they have an equal voice in the workings of the Coun-cil. That must be the policy of the Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—If after a certain period of time—say six months—there has not been a fundamental change in

not been a fundamental change in the CAP, would the Government then consider a break with the Common Market and coming out? We cannot tolerath any longer these constant rises in prices which are burdening the British people, (Labour cheers.) instance of the project of the proje

In these circumstances, would it not be better to secure an early and fundamental restructuring of the CAP rather than for it to collapse under its own absurdities and in so doing embitter many other European relationships as Mr Silkin—He is right in putting first and foremost the question of

first and foremost the question or the structural surpluses. They are the vital question regarding the CAP. He is right by implication in believing that the agricultural policy is the main fundamental economic spring of the EEC. We are on the way to dealing with the question. We will only deal with it we realize one thing as a Community and country. The as a Community and country. The only reason one creates structural surpluses in food is that one is producing it at a figure too high for nearly to construct the structural surplus to construct the structural surplus to construct the structural structure.

build it up quickly.

I do not think we will get fundamental revolutionary changes in a matter of six mounts. The process of change has started. I intend to

renegotizations took place before the referendum of July 1975 it would not be a bad idea that we should put these so-called changes

to the people in another vote? They could then have a true vote this time without being brain-washed by pro-Common Market organizations inside and outside the House; they can vote on the practical things they have seen in the Common Market, namely escalating food prices day after day, whatever government is in power? Mr Silkin-I understand his point of view. I hope he will allow me in

the next few days to get on with the next few days to get on with the urgent question of frying to serile the price review. Then we can come back to other wider issues afterwards. Mr Hamish Watt (Benfishire, Scot Nat)—A cheap food policy and the CAP are totally incompatible. It would be in the interests of pro-

ducer and consumer for Britain to opt out of the CAP, for certain commodities even, and return to a system of deficiency payments. Mr Silkin—The CAP has been orientated so far in such a way that it has inevitably created structural surpluses which the consumer could consume perfectly well if the price was right. Let us see whether we can get that straight. There is a fundamental amount of rethinking to be done on the whole basis.

My task as minister at the soment is to see that the price review is senied, and then think about some of these important questions which have been raised. The Government would continue

majority of the British people and the overwhelming majority of housewives wanted to see as cheap food as they could get.

Mr Martin Flamery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Leb) had asked whether in view of the problems being faced by the CAP there were any plans to buy British food from the cheapest markets of the world. Mr Silkin—Many foods are effi-ciently produced within the United Kingdom and eisewhere within the Community. We shall continue to press for a flexible operation of the CAP.

Mr Flannery-It is the bounder duty of the Government to try to help the British housewife by buy-ing food wherever in the world it While the Ural mountains are

reputedly covered in butter, we are paying hundreds of millions of pounds which we ought not to have to fight for the abolition of this ridiculous policy which everybody in Britain can see to be ridiculous. Common Market anyway. (Labour Mr Silkin —I had been aware that there were certain structural sur-

Pluses in foodstaffs. In particular, I was aware there was rather a large mountain of buster, though whether on the Urals or not I do

flexible approach to importation from April 1 last the wittend be on the importation of beef from outside the Community was lifted I am also trying to cale away

Mr Evelyn King (South Dorne C)—H is were to be desirable of obtain the cheapest food in the world, irrespective of the interest of the farm worker, it would be equally desirable to obtain the chespest coal in the world into pective of the interests of the con miver, and to obtain the chape, electricity in the world irrespecting of the interests of the

Mr Silkin—As for food, there is to majority of the people in the majority, the overwhelm majority of housestres, wan in see as them food as they can be her King will have some difficulty. ency in expla in his constituency in explaints that is not what he wants.

Mr Lewis Carter-Jones (Eccle Lab), in other exchanges, said.

Next time he disposes of the supplies mountains, he should see they go to the people in this country is the greatest need. Mr Silkin That, in part, is what

am trying to achieve. It is a interesting statistical tax: the more butter a head of the populasioners and by those people sioners and by those people earning under £30 a week than among the ingher income groups.

This is something I take much into account in believing that the

Cynicism of press

During questions to the Prime iron maiden into a rather black Minister. Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirlingshire, Lab) called on Mr Callaghan to explain his general remark not directed either

Mr Callaghan to explain his remarks yesterday about the cynicism of the press.

Was he referring (he asked) to the prize vinning cynical jackass, andrew Alexander, or the wandering wizard of The Sunday Times, Anthony Holden, who files all over the Eastern Hemisphere and reaches the heights of journalistic magic by managing to turn the cast

More petrol being used

Dr John Dickson Mabon, Minister of State for Energy, said in a written reply: In 1976, 16,900,000 tonnes of motor spirit were delivered for inland consumption in the United Kingdom. This is an increase of just under 5 per cent on the 1975 figure.

The Budget increase in road fuel duty is expected to reduce motor spirit consumption by about 1 to 2 per cent in 1977-78 below what it would otherwise have been and by substantially more in later years.

Private Bill

The London Transport Bill was read the third time.

Serious for international relations if MPs threw out proposals on direct elections

For the House of Commons to would be a serious matter which would go far wider than the EEC, the Prime Minister said at question

Mr John Ovenden (Gravesend, Lab) suggested that Mr Callaghan should re-read the leaflet Britain's New Deal in Europe, circulated by the Government to every family in the United Kingdom, since it contained no reference to direct electricated. ained no reference to direct elections, and concentrated on stress-ing the importance of veto powers in protecting Britalo's sovereignty

Can he justify (he continued) the statement yesterday that a "Yes" vote in the referendum was a vote for direct elections? Mr Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—I would prefer not to go into that now. (Loud interruptors.) We are in the middle of a two fay debate and the Government's attitude is being defined.

Then let me say that it is clearly written into Article 138 that we shall move to a system of elections and this way conditions and this way conditions.

The Government have entered into a commitment on this matter with the eight other heads of government to have direct elec-tions. This House could overturn that decision, but it would be ill go far wider when the Government have entered into a treaty commit-ment.—(Some protests)—or some-thing approaching a treaty commit-ment.

Both of these are true in the sense that we have now agreed to the Treaty of Rome after the For the House to overturn the Government on this commitment would be a serious matter in our international relations on a great many other issues that would go far wider than the Community. It is for that reason among others that I shall use my best endeavours to see that a Bill is produced for consideration in this

House. Hrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—Did the Cabinet at its meeting this morning reach any conclusion on whether to put down a motion for Monday's business to enable the House to arrive at a specific decision on the kind of electoral system for direct elections? Would he not think it appro-priate to do that after a full two days' debate when he has already promised a free vote on his side and there will be a free vote on

Mir Callaghan-We did discuss this. We undertook that the Government would listen to the views of the House and then come Government afraid to reach a spe-cific decision on Monday night? It would save time in drafting the BH. When he is afraid to allow Parliament to express an opinion at the end of a full two days' debate it is not surprising that the press and the people should feel cynical about the power of Parlia-

Mr Callaghan-It has nothing to do with fear but with the undertak-ing given—that we would listen to the views expressed in the House. There is no agreement on this matter. I fully understand that the Opposition are in considerable dif-ficulties. (Conservative laughter.) Let me go on to add that they are not alone in this. But it might be more helpful if she were to admit her difficulties as I admit mine. Later, during questions to the Leader of the House about next week's business.

Mrs Thatcher asked how the

Mr. Michael Foot (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—If we were to follow her suggestion and put down a motion and have a vote at the end of the debate on Monday, I am not sure that we would be able to have all the opinions voiced in the way previously indicated. The House will be able to give its opinion on these other matters when we come?

Mrs Thatcher—There should be a clear vote on either first-past-theclear vote on either hist-past-the-post or some proportional repre-sentation system before the Bill is drafted. It saves time on drafting, apart from anything else. If he is saying he cannot judge on a vote, how can he judge without a vote? (Conservative cheers.) Mr Foot-I am sure there will be a

vote eventually on this matter and the House will then be able to judge it. I had not fully appre-ciated how concerned she was about assisting us on drafting, and we take that into account. The decision on these metters should take place when the Bill is before the House.

me Norman Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C)—Could we have the first stages of the debate week in order that there should be sufficient time to draft new clauses on the method of election in the event that the Government get it wrong the thist time or lose their clause on the election procedure? Otherwise the Government will stand a good chance of seeing this Bill go the way of the devolution Bill for precisely the same reason: that they will not listen.

Mr Foot—The Government are doing what we promised to do. We said we would listen to the debate and then come to the House with proposels. That is a perfectly nor-

Mr Tebbat and offices have a quite different interest in the matter. Str David Renton (Huntingdon-shire, C)—However carefully the Government listen to the views expressed in the debate, they will not hear the views of more than 10 per cent of MPs. Those views are not likely to be unanimous and he would get a much clearer idea if he could get a vote of the House

Mr Foot-I am not sure whether he wants a vote so that the House should have a reasonable chance of debating these matters fully or whether be and some others want whether he and some oners want to preempt the decision of the House. (Conservative protests.) The best and proper way to decide the matter would be during the course of the Bill itself.

Mr John Davies, chief Opposition kesman on foreign and nmonwealth affairs (Knutsford, Mrs Thatcher asked how the Government were going to judge the views of the House except on a clear vote on the alternative voting systems.

C)—Having once already this session produced a totally frustrated Bill, he is on his way to producing another through fashing to put to the House the issue on which it must make un its mind.

Mr Foot-It is an extraordinary doctrine that we now have enun-ciated—that it is the Government's cated—mar it is the Government a responsibility to put a motion to the House on particular aspects of a Bill before they bring a partic-ular Bill forward. It is a strange procedure and not in accordance

West). What delay will there be after Monday before the Bill is published? As there is to be a free passage of the BB, should the Government's proposition be rejected would they introduce into the Bill an election system which the House chooses?

Mr Foot—The House will decide the method of election. I give that free vote. I cannot say anything further on the question of timing. Mr William Whitelaw (Penrith and the Border, C)—, for the Opposi-tion—Will be clarify once and for all this extraordinary mystery about Monday? Why is it so diffi-cult to have a vote so that the Government will know what MPs want as regards the system of elec-

tion ? He seeks to make capital out of He seeks to make capman out of the fact that he does not know what the Opposition Front Bench want? He will know my views when I wind up the debate, but why am I and others denied the chance to express our views in a vote?

Mr Foot—I am advancing a reasonable proposition because the offi-cial Opposition is suggesting that we should select one aspect of the Bill and put down a motion. There

Lower mortgage rate plus further cut this year will aid house building Drax B power station

The Government's housing policy had totally failed, said Mr. Michael Heseltine, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, opening a debate on brusing on a motion to reduce the salary of the Minister for Housing and

son) by half.

He said not in the best year under this Government had the level of either housing starts or completions equalled the total in the worst year of the last Conser-The explanation for the Govern-

The explanation for the Govern-ment's failure was apparent. Consistently they had pursued pub-lic sector policies and destroyed the ability of the private sector to contribute to the housing pro-

chaotic interest rate consequent mon the Government's manage-ment of the national economy. Since the Government came to power there had been some 40 changes in interest rates, including periods of amprecedented high rates. Now the Labour Party were try-

ing to divert attention by blaming the building societies for the level of interest rates. Everybody wanted to see lower rates but for this Government of all governments to advise anyone, particularly the building societies, on the prudent management of their financial affairs, flew in the cross of the last

face of the experience of the last All the policy requirements now were to stimulate private building and private ownership, help young couples wanting to accumulate a deposit for the first time, and give

a statutory right to council tenants to buy their own homes. The treatment of council tenants by the Labour Party was a shame-ful piece of political expediency. The motivation was not the in-terests of council tenants but protection of the power bases of the Labour Party on council estates. The only realistic housing policy that the Opposition would wish to support depended on the introduc-tion and extension of incentives to enable people to buy the homes they wanted to own. This would help people to buy and also release

es to meet gennine cases of need and stress. Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment (Tower Ham-lets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab)—Is Mr Heseltine saying that in his approach to the sale of council houses that sales should be conditional upon the local authority concerned then using the addi-tional amount of money that has become available to build further

accommodation for rept? Mr Heseltine-No, I am not. It would add to the resources available to local government not necessarily to build more houses to rent but for the purposes in general of local government.
As an additional source of revenue the Opposition would encourage new towns and the hous-

ing associations to look more to the private sector for their funds. They would encourage the sale of assets by the new towns.

The Opposition would stop the spread of municipalization except in rare cases where there was an unanswerable case of the most pressing need. A determined attack was needed on land hoarding by local authorities and nationalized industries. industries.

industries.

Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the environment, said the Government had revived public sector building as the only way of meeting the trigent housing need of hundreds of thousands on council waiting lists who were not in a position to buy their own homes.

The Government had also accurate a significant increase in secured a significant increase in private sector starts from 105,000 in 1974 to 155,000 in 1976. The total was likely to be down this

year.

It is my expectation (he said) that the lowering of the mortgage rate—and the prospect of a further reduction later this year with a continued flow of mortgage funds—should help to maintain and increase activity in the private Total expenditure this year and

Total expenditure this year and for next, despite the reductions in Budgets in July and December last the GLC. Private tenues should year, was still running at a level significantly higher than under the previous Conservative Government. The reductions were unwelcome but modest in comparison MP molested by police

with the £4,000m that would be Attanger with the building societies to help fill the gap left by the reduction in local authorities allocations and they would be making £157m available this year to applicants nominated by English local auth-

These funds were intended for borrowers at the lower end of the market, especially those wishing to buy older property and who could not secure a mortgage from building societies under their normal arrangements. Nationally the arrangements. Nationally, the Building Societies' Association had Building Societies' Association had been most helpful in securing these arrangements, but managers of local offices had a high degree of discretion. It was they who had responsibility for making the scheme a success and for ensuring that "red lining" or insistence on substantial deposits on older houses were a thing of the past.

They needed to monitor the They needed to monitor the scheme closely at local level and

the local authorities concerned would be asked to report on the initial workings up to the end of June. When there was new information, he would consider what further approaches and steps they needed to take with the building contestion.

The allocation for the Housing Associations was reduced by £57m for 1977-78, but public expenditure on them would still be running at £395m for this financial year compared with £169m in 1973-74. The Housing Corporation had secure private loans of £25m and he had given approval to these loans. The corporation would also be nego-tiating to raise a further £25m in

due course. The Govern toring carefully the consequences of sales of council houses upon the ability of authorities to meet housability of authorities to meet nous-ing needs in their areas. There could be no "sale of the century" if by that was meant sales at absurd or knockdown prices. That would be an irresponsible use of ratepeyers' and taxpayers' money. The Government would intro-duce the new system of housing investment programmes next year. For this year, as a lead into the new system, he had agreed much more filestible arrangements for local authorities

local authorities. He hoped further to develop this system for 1978-79 and would be entering into discussions with local authorities as soon as they knew how the new arrangements were working in practice.

The Government had no intentional design of the content and no intentional design of the content tion of breaking faith with or bankrupting families by sudden

bankrupting families by sudden changes in pursuit of academic or political dogma. They had no intention of forcing council rents through the roof, nor had they any intention of wreaking havoc with the family budgets of those who were buying their own homes.

He hoped to publish the conclusions of the housing policy review soon. It was his hope that the review would put housing on a durable footing for many years to come.

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Mr Anthony Durant (Reading, North, C) said the 1974 Rent Ac; bad been almost the death knell of private rented accommodation. There was a need to encourage the development of residents associa-tions. The minister should advise local authorities that they must provide back-up services for these

provide back-up associations.

Mr Robert Mellish (Southwark, Bermondsey, Lab) said there was something to be said for a close look at the way the Rent Acts were applied. There had to be some latitude if they were to get a private rented sector. It behoved all of them to be a little more elastic in their attitude. mr William Benyon (Buckingham, C) said that as an experiment the minister should consider removing the provisions of the Rent Act in specific areas, both as regards security of tenure and regulated security of tenure and regulated rents. This would only be in those areas where supply and demand were relatively in balance. were relatively in balance.

Mr Arthur Lattam (City of Westminster, Paddington, Lab) said the
Government should indicate
whether they would use any powers to prevent massive rent increases that the Tories might

but not necessarily that every council tenant should have a statutory right to buy the house or flat he lived in. Because of the special conditions existing in central Lon-don that would not be feasible.

don that would not be feasible.

There was likely to be a continuing need for a substantial chunk of publicly-owned property. To replace that which was sold off would cost a vast amount.

Mr Julian Silverman (Birmingham, Erdington, Lab) said the private rented sector had been declining over the last 25 years and there was no chance of a revival. This was why the construction of council houses and beliding association houses should be encouraged to the greatest possible extent and why he supported municipelity.

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L.) said the Secretary of State should expedite his review of the Rent Acts and come forward with positive proposals to enable existing occupiers of private and council houses to demand fixed-term leases for their properties of up to 10 years' duration. The Government would shortly be receiving the Liberal Party's proposals for the leasing of private and public property.

mr Frank Allam (Salford, East, Lab) said that a few days ago they were told the public spending deficit was £2,500m less than they had been told only four months earlier. In the light of the new figures the Government should restore the cuts. That was the way to kill two birds with one stone; bad housing and unemployment.

Mr Michael Latham (Meiton, C)
said land was crucial to the housing programme and any other development. The Community Land

velopment. The Community Land Act was already proving a flop. Mr Bruce Douglas-Mann (Mexton, Mircham and Morden, Lab) said it was necessary to tackle the fundamental problem of mortgage tax relief which was paid out indiscriminately. They should consider a redistribution of some of the money paid out in tax relief so as to concentrate it more in the early years.

years.
Mr Timothy Sainsbury (Hove, C)
said that in spite of pronouncements by the Government there
had not been the shift of resources
to the said to be into retablithat there ought to be into rehabi-litation and improvement—the most neglected area of housing Mr Hugh Rossi, an Opposition

Mr Hugh Rossi, an Opposition spokesman on environment (Harsingey, Hornsey, C) said it was not right to continue the indiscriminate expansion of the council housing stock for people whether they could help themselves with housing or not. They should give the council house tenant the statutory right to buy their own homes. fory right to buy their own homes. Mr Reginald Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction (Brent East, Lab), said there were ominous signs anti local authorities under Conservadve rule were cutting back on their building programmes. There si evidence (he said) that the resources we have provided will not be spent by local authorities under steir control. Local authority tender acceptances are well below the number provided for by our expenditure allocation.

I have asked officials to probe the matter organity so that I may consider whether appropriate consider whether appropriate countermeasures are necessary. (Labour cheers end Opposition cries of "Oh ")

The Government did not object to the sale of council houses but objected strongly to indiscriminate policies being pursued such as were being advocated by the Opposition Front Bench and by Tory Central Office. Mr Heseltine-We will give a sta-

tutory right to council house tenants to buy their own homes. (Conservative cheers.) Mr Freeson-If Mr Heseltin Mr Freeson—If Mr Heseltine wishes to pursue such an indiscriminate policy I can only say he needs to spend a good deal of time doing some homework about the housing programme which he has signally failed to do.

On the effect of the 1974 Rent Act, there was evidence to show that there had been a major reduction in the number of effect of the solution. tion in the number of cases going before the county councils for evictions from private rented property. In London alone these had gone down by helf since the introduction of the Act. The motion to haive Mr Freeson's salary was rejected by 259
votes to 233—Government

Next week

Business in the House of Commons MONDAY: Conclusion of debate or direct elections to the European Assembly. Motions on EEC (Definition of Treaties) Orders. THESDAY: Debate on mobility for the disabled. Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, eccond resched, WEDNESDAY: Price Commission Bill, second reading, Motion on EEC docts ment on direct life assurance and surface an ment on arrect the assurance.
THURSDAY: Finance Bill, second reading. Motion on Southern Rhodesta
(United Nations Sanctions) Order.
FREDAY: Control of Food Fremises
(Scotland) Bill, and Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill,
remaining stages, Business in the House of Lords

CEGB's estimates on not correct—Mr Benn

wide range of interests, including the Central Electricity Generating Board, about the need for a steady home ordering programme for Drex B within it, Mr Authory Wedgwood Benn. Secretary of State for Energy (Bristol, South-East, Leb) said.

He was answering Mr Tom King, chief Opposition spokesman on energy (Bridgwater, C), who asked for a statement on the refusal of the chairman of the CEGB, Sir Arthur Hawkins, to order the Drax B power station as requested by the Secretary of State. Mr Benn said he had met the CEGB and had invited them to see

him again next week. Mr King—Can he confirm that it is the manimous view of the whole board of the CEGB and the Elec-tricity Council and Mr Frank Toombs that this order should not be proceeded with by the electric-ity industry without compensation

Will he confirm that it is the statutory duty of the CEGB to provide the most economical supply of electricity and that the request of the Secretary of State was tantamount to an investion to them to breach that statutory duty? Is it not the worst example of the kind of private directive that Mr. Benn has been so keen to Would it not be more satisfactory if the Government wish to pursue their policy, and Mr Benn wishes to support it, to bring it openly before the House so that the House can see the costs involved and the matter can be pro-perly debated and the Government receive authorization for that recommendations for the reorgan-finance if they can persuade the ization of the electricity industry House, rather than the Secretary which encompasses precisely this

of State should attempt to get surreptitiously through the elec-tricity industry the cost of their policy by means of a concealed surcharge on every electricity con-sumer. (Conservative cheers.) Mr Benn said that Mr King had "got it a bit wrong". He recalled that in 1969 Mr Harold Lever, the then minister responsible, made a statement in which he said he had approved proposals from the CEGB for the next power stations to be ordered. The last one mentioned was Drax B. This was at the request of the CEGB.

The Government (he went on) are now engaged in discussing with the CEGB what the future power station programme should be on the basis that there is a need for a steady ordering programme. I am not announcing a decision today. What has happened is that my correspondence with Sir any correspondence wan on Arthur Hawkins has become public—I do not object to that—and in the course of those discussions I have met the Electricity Council and the CEGB and all the interests concerned on the energy

The Secretary of State for In-dustry (Mr Eric Varley) has met all those on the industrial side. The Government will make a statement and Parliament will have an opportunity of considering it when the Government view is clear. Mr King should not read into my con-sultations with those concerned the

dictatorial intent which he put in Mr Edmund Marshall (Goole, Lab)—Will Mr Benn bear in mind the importance of this power station contract to the construction industry in the locality where such employment is greatly needed ? Mr Benn-I will consider the employment implications not only from the point of view of those in the industry, but because it would be a tragedy if the CEGB were to find through a faulty ordering pro-gramme that there was no home from the point of view of those gramme that there was no home industry on which to base its own

power station ordering. It is not only in the interests of the con-sumers but in the interests of those in the industry.

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Mr John Haman (Exeter, C) said that on a previous occasion compensation was paid by the Government to the CEGB, Why is he now clobbering the electricity consumer (he asked) for what is a direct employment subsidy to the power station construction industry.

Mr Beam—Mr letter was intended Mir Benn-My letter was intended to ascertain whether the CEGB could justify its claim that an order for Drax B would involve entra cost for the electricity consumer. The Government have never accepted the highly inflated estimates that were given. They were ready to accept a steam-generated heavy water reactor due for ordering last September without any compensation. We asked them to look at Drax B in the light of our general examination of the our general examination future of that industry.

The CEGB themselves at a meeting with me admitted that using coal from Selby would be absolutely the cheapest option for power

not to read into the publicized exchange between myself and the chairman any final decision and I would ask the House not to believe every indicated estimate the CEGS has seen fit to give to the press because they are not correct. Mr John Biffin (Oswestry, C)— This whole incident indicates the unsatisfactory nature of the rela-tionating because with the relanationalized industries. Does Mr
Bean feel he would be reinforced
by powers of specific direction?

There is an imperative need for the implementation of the Plowdet

point.

Mr Benn—I do not think relations are soured by a candid exchange between ministers and chairmen of nationalized industries. What is undesirable is arm twisting that never comes to the light of day,
I make no complaint that this exchange, one of many, his consists that this exchange, one of many, his consists to the public domain. What is true is that in some nationalized industries, motably the Reference true is that in some nationalized industries, notably the British National Oil Corporation, there is a power of specific direction.

I believe ministers, chainnen and boards would appreciate an institutionalization of the position which is that in the end the government of the day must be able to achieve their policy objectives.

At the moment arrangement are not ideal but are not damaged by a candid exchange between charmen

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) suggested later, during ques-tions to the Leader of the House about the business for next week-that the best thing would be to get rid of Monday's business and in-stead debate the real reasons for the delay in the construction of Drax B. Perhaps then (he said) we could uncover one or two unse-voury aspects of the matter.

voury aspects of the matter.

There were two despots, Hawkins of the CEGB and Weinstock, who was jeopardizing the jobs of the power station workers in Newcastle and officer areas.

Perhaps (he went on) if we the covered one or two things and the way they are operated within the Department of Industry we could be better informed than we have been this afternoon from the Secretary of State for Energy. We might then get this elected Governmight then get this elected Government carrying out the decision of actually announcing the construction of Drax B.

Mr Michael Foot—I understand his concern on Drax B, and the concern of many Labour MPs, but I cannot rearrange the business III with him He waste lead for some suit him. He must look for some other opportunity for elaborating his question.

No decision made yet on separate devolution Bills

The Government were committed to Scotland. The Government's to devolution both for Scotland proposal is that we should proceed and Wales, the Prime Minister said on the same lines for dealing with

Mr Wyn Roberts (Couway, Lab) had called on Mr Callaghan to confirm or deuy, without equivocation, that the Government were considering introducing two Bills—one for Scotland and one for Walet—as advantated all along by Wales—as advocated all along by the Opposition. Mr Callaghan-I do not take any

responsibility for stories in the press. I am not required to answer for them. Government policy on this matter is clear; we are com-mitted to devolution both for Scot-Later, during questions to the Leader of the House about next week's business,

Mr Roy Hughes (Newport, Lab) Mr Roy Hughes (Newport, Lab) asked if there was any truth in press reports that Wales was to be excluded from the Government's future devolution plans.

Mr Michael Poot—The commitment of the Government to devolution is as strong on Wales as it is

both countries. Our commitment to both comtries remains as strong as it always has been and we are determined to carry through the measure for both

Mr Wyn Roberts—Are we to have two separate Bills? Two Bills would enable the flouse to declare its opinion more clearly? Mr Foot—No decision whatsoever has been made about any separa-tion of the Bill. But whatever might be decided about that in the future, the Government's commit-ment to Waler on devolution mined to carry at out as we are lution pledge to Scotland.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons

Protecting wild deer from cruelty

The Deer Bill was considered in and inserting without reasonable excuse. The Bill had the support of the Police Federation of England On Clause 4 (Probabition of poaching, etc), Lord Northfield (Lab), moved an amendment to make it an offence to enter land withour reasonable excuse an search or pursuit of deer with the intention of taking, kill-

A trebling of the regional fund of

He said that the gap between

central and peripheral regions widened as the economies of the

central regions expanded and those

central regions expanded and mose contracted at an alarming rate. That position would be forther aggravated without positive, clear

They should insist on a realistic

distribution of the regional fund.
The quota system of distribution
was unacceptable. The fund had

and Wales and the Police Superin-tendents' Association of England

Mrs Elaine Kellett-Bowman (Lau-

Mr John Evans (Newton, Lab),

who is chairman of the Parlia-ment's regional policy committee, said that he hoped European MPs would have a great deal to say if

their governments were not pre-pared to put money where their mouths were and ensure that there

While we have a play fund the

said) we have no semblance of a European regional policy. It is in-herent in our exercise that we

and waters.

Lord Wells-Pestell, Lord in Waiting, said the amendment went to
the central issue in the Bill and raised the question of what was

prevented cruelty to deer. The Government's general post-The Government's general posi-tion was to give unqualified sup-port to the principle, but this cause was unacceptable in princi-ple. It was drafted in such wide terms as to cause the Government to think what offence it sought to cure and what policy it sought to involement. The amendment was withdrawn. the primary purpose of the Bill. It was not about conservation, but The Committee stage was included. House adjourned, 8.24 pm.

Calls for bigger regional fund had its trial run, and was the should persuade Council and acceptable. It should be trebled in Commission how essential it is to arrive at a regional policy.

The Commission should establish regions eligible for assistance on a Community-wide basis rather than on a national basis.

Signor Antoni Giolitti, Commissioner for regional policy, said that he hoped that from the present crisis would spring a regional policy which could be used to over-come that crisis. The Community needed an infla tionary policy—a less expensive policy compared to the cost of unemployment. Regional policy should be basic, not supplement

The Commission would be called on to announce regulations for the regional fund by June 1.

taken no steps to have investigated the incident in which a Danish the incident in which a Lauren Socialist member of the Paritament and two officials were said to have been makereated by French police in June 1975 in Strasbourg. Mr Knud Nielsen, the assauked MP, Annu Meisen, the assaulted MP, took part in the debate.

The motion, under the emergency procedure, also asked the French authorities to take all appropriate steps to prevent similar future incidents and asked the Secretary Connect of the Pull-Secretary General of the Parlia-ment to see that the interests of parliamentary officials were pro-

celebre did not go away.

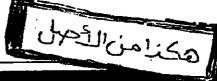
It would have been simple for the police to verify that Mr Nielsen was an MP. There was no dispute that he was accompanied by offi-cials and that he was minding his Mr Nielsen said the debate should have taken place immediately after the episode. He thanked his collea-

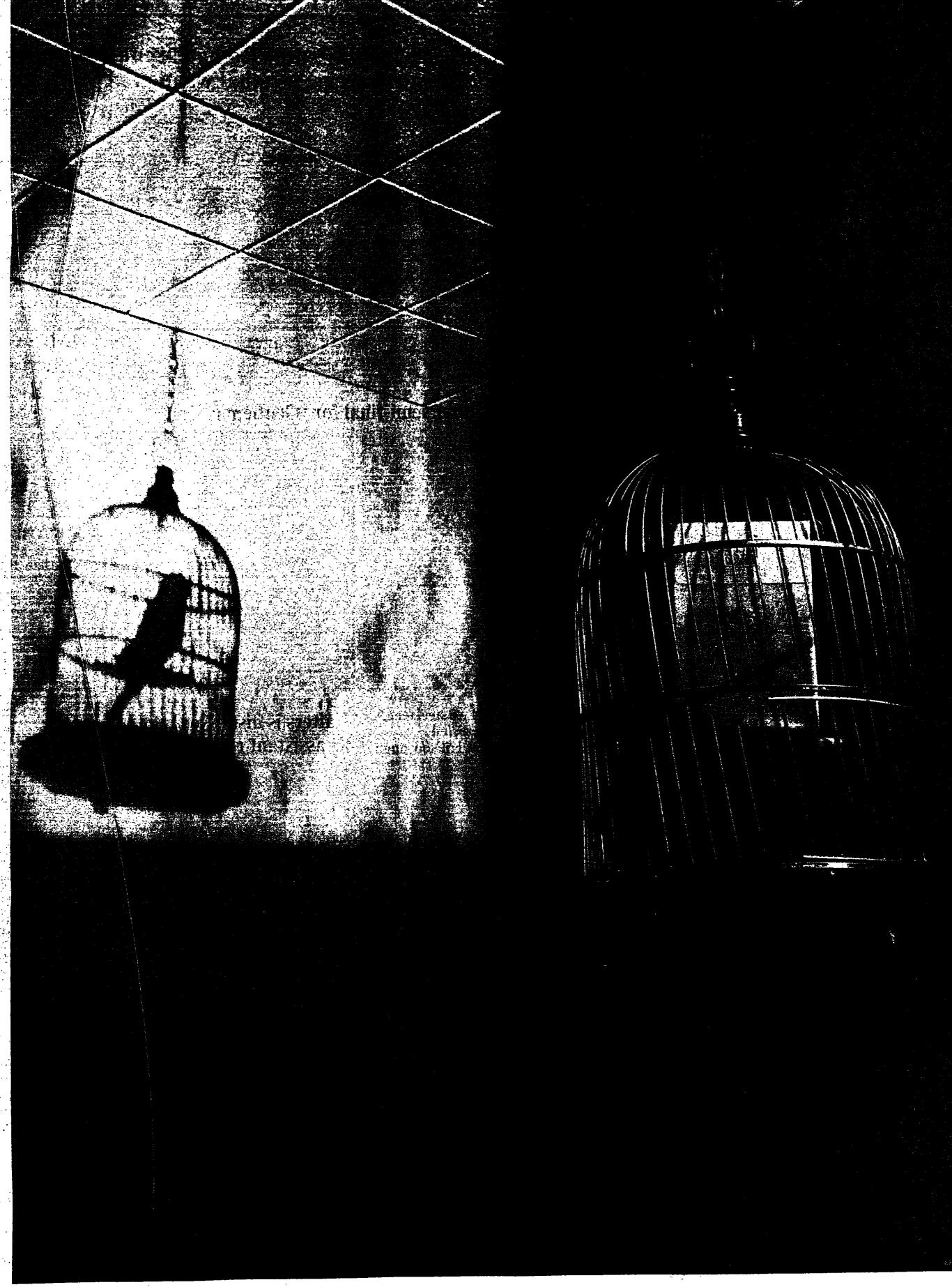
gues for having brought the matter lab) hoped that the French Government would investigate the matter. There was no dishonour in The motion was moved by Mir a government saying that perhaps they had been mistaken. The motion was carried unani-Ole Espersen (Demnark, Soc) who said that MPs must protect their

Mrs Winifred Ewing (Moray and Naira, Scot Nat) said that she would see to it that this cause

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the EEC was demanded by Mir caster, C) said that it was no use the Community giving money in substitution for what would otherwise bave been given by member



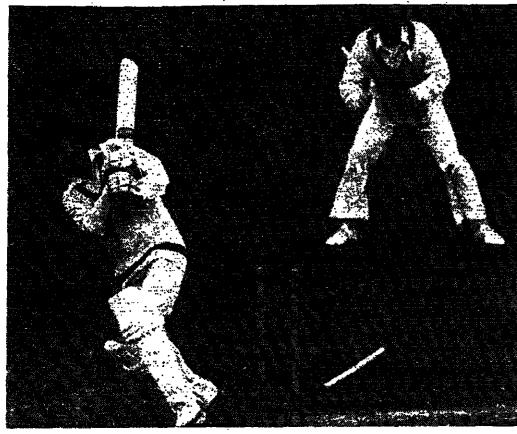


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Cricket



Willey loses his middle stump to Jones at Lord's yesterday.

Bright young prospects on show

Cricker Correspondent I.ORD'S: Middlesex, with six first innings wickets in hand, are 144 runs behind MCC.

Although the best individual score at Lord's yesterday was only 51 not out, by Ian Botham of Somerset, the young men on show played almost enough strokes to have done justice to a summer's day. In a match, the first day of which was lost to the weather which was lost to the weather, MCC, having been put in to hat, declared at 206 for six; at close of play Middlesex in reply were

It was grey, green and dank-more a day for bowling than tring, as is usually the case so rine, as is usually the case so carly in the season. For those who owl at medium pace—the large najority that is—the ball moved off the seam, disconcerningly at times. Fifty-eight of the 68 overs for Middlesex were bowled by the seamers; when Middlesex batted Headrick, Lee and Botham did the

Headrick, Lee and Botham did the howling. all at much the same medium pace.

Of MCC's batsmen, Athey, Rose, Willey, Gower, Miller and Botham all stayed for long chough to give an impression of how they piay. With the new ball to contend with Athey was the slowest of them. From a quick look at him there was no seeing another Hutton or another Surliffe or another Roycott. He is fairhaired and of medium height, and he plays pretty straight; he walks out to bat like a batsman, and prods the pitch like a batsman and a full toss from Jones he hit through the covers like a batsman. Too many good judges say how ex-

him not be to.

Rose's languid, elongated appearance, unlike Athey's, is rather against kim; but he wastes no time and he played one fine straight drive off Gatting and when Edmonds bowled him he was on the attack. Wiley played a couple of spanking strokes through the covers, off the back foot (his stance steems to have become several degrees more open during

scance seems to nave become several degrees more open during the winter); Botham batted like the strappingly strong young man he is with an admirable reluctance to be kept in check. For MCC's sixth wicket Botham

(just back from a winter's club cricket in Australia at Whit-bread's) and Miller added 75 in oreads) and hitter added 75 in 65 minutes, care good going on a day such as this. But as likely an innings as any was played by Gower—fairhaired again, but frizzy this time. A lefthander he had just hit Jones through the covers, on the m. for four when he was on the up, for four when he was run out, stranded somewhat casu-

ceptionally promising he is for time and works it all out, and by him not be to going in first he has plenty of going in first he has plenty of opportunity.

Brearley was wearing, provocatively you might think with the Australians arriving today, a protective headgear against the possibility of being hit by a rising ball. Shaped like a mortarboard with the lid cut off, it is made apparently of polythene and fits into his cap. Over the years other bassmen have taken a similar precaution to keep their skulls intact. No one can blame them for doing so. It is sad, shough, when it has to be—and it does no credit to the umpires of the world when they allow it to come to this. With a firmer hand from them it need not have been.

MCC: First Innings
R. T. Barciay c Radiey, b Jones
W. J. Athey, c Barlow, b Lamb
C Rose, b Edmonds
Willey, Jones
Willey, Jones
T gander, b Solvey
T Botham, no out
D. L. Ballstow, not out
Extras (b 1, b 8, mb 17)

orics did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—11, 2—51, 3—81, 4—102, 3—114, 6—189, 80W.LNG: Selvey, 18—2—53—1; Jones, 13—4—51—2; Lamb, 14—3—51—1; Gailing, 14—5—56—0; Edmonds, 6—2—11—1; Fenthersione, 4—0—18—0.

Spectacular catch sends Amiss back

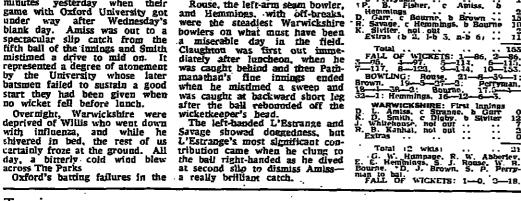
ONFORD: Warwickshire, with eight first innings wickets in hand, are 132 runs behind Oxford University.

Warwickshire leer both their

minutes yesterday when their game with Oxford University got under way after Wednesday's blank day. Amiss was out to a spectacular slip catch from the fifth ball of the innings and Smith mistimed a drive to mid on. It represented a degree of atonement by the University whose later batsmen failed to sustain a good start they had been given when no wicket fell before lunch. Overnight, Warwickshire were deprived of Willis who went down with influenza, and while he shivered in bed, the rest of us

Warwickshire lost both their wrists well to place the ball opening batsmen in the final 45 cleverly for singles.

wicketkeeper's head.
The left-handed L'Estrange and
Savage showed doegedness, but
L'Estrange's most significant con-



Hemmings A. Claughton, c Humpage, b Rouse C. J. Marks, c Abberier, b Hammings M. Clements, run oui L. Strange, 1-b-w, b Brown Hoot 1-b-w, b Perryman R. Wingsled Digby, c Bourne.

WARWICKSHIRE: First lanings
L. Amiss, C. Strange, b. Gurr
D. Smith, C. Dieby, b. Skylter
Whitehouse, not out
B. Kanhal, not out
Extras Humpage, R. W. Abberley, ninings, S. J. Rouse, W. R. D. J. Brown, S. P. Perry-

Tennis

Referee intervenes on behalf of umpire

ing young tennis player, was the only home survivor after vesterday's quarter-final round in the tournament, sponsored by Robin-2018, at Norwich. He came through a lively match with Dale Collings, of Australia, which brought the referee out on the court to intervene in an argument between Collings and Herbert Syndercombe an experienced

junior hard court champion, beat Collings 5-3, 6-0 in a match witch Mr Syndercombe controlled without the assistance of linesmen.

Andrew Jarrett, Britain's leading young tennis player, was the mly home survivor after vesteray's quarter-final round in the ournament, sponsored by Robinons, at Norwich. He came through a lively match with Dale collings and the first set and normalization. Two close line decisions, which went against Collings at the start of the second set, so annoyed the Australian that he told the umpire: "You are too old for this job."

Collings said: "You made 12 mistates in the first set and normalization." Collings said: "You made 12 mistakes in the first set and now this." Syndercombe retorted: "If you and your fellow players help the tournament by sitting up here in this chair for a bit, you might take a different view of things." Jarrett now meets John Marks, another Australian and the top seed, for a place in the final. RESULTS: Men's singles, nuartering! round: Men's singles, nuartering! Tound: Men's singles, nuarterings (Australia, 65–36, 60); Lingsford (NZ) bent W. Maher (Australia)

days at home, vesterday had a few days at home, vesterday had a manipulative operation on her neck in an Exeter hospital. She also had cortisone injections in her racket arm. Miss Barker has recently been afflicted by a good deal of pain and restrictions on the free movement of her neck

Northampton in fixture tangle

A fixture mix up threatens to rob Northampton of their final game of the season at Cheltenham on April 30.

The game was confirmed in writing almost four years ago, but a change o ffixture secretary at the West Country Club has resulted in confusion.

Cheltenham are now due to play resulted in contusion.

Cheltenham are now due to play at Fylde on April 30, the day they were supposed to be entertaining Northampton at the Athletic

might start to assert back people who have stayed away because of hooliganism. Ground.

Officials at Cheltenbam, who have lost all their 34 games this season, are trying to sort out the problem. They are believed to be offering Fylde an alternative date.

Liverpool may enter Roman arena without their most lethal weapon

Football Correspondent

Sydney, April 21.—The Austra-lian cricketers left here today for their four and a half month tour of England, convinced they will have a struggle to remain the The Australian captain, Greg Chappell, said he believed English cricket had recovered from the

bad spell over the past three years,
"The English team are on the
way up and I think they've turned
the corner with fellows like Derek
Randall," Chappell said.

Randall," Chappell said.

The Anstralians may use aggressive Victorian wicketheeper, Richie Robinson, as en opening batsman on their tour. Chappell said this today before the team's departure from Sydney.

The Anstralian selectors chose only two specialist opening batsmen for the gruelling tour, in Ian Davis and Rick McCosker, when usually three are chosen and the situation has been complicated by McCosker's fractured jaw, sustained in the centenary Test against England in Melbourne last against England in Melbourne last

Australia in

new opening

need of

batsman

month.

McCosker will have the wiring removed from his jaw on May 5, and he will not be able to join the Australian team for at least a fortnight leaving the Australians with only Davis as an opener.

Robinson, who is second wicket-keeper to Rodney Marsh and who toured England in 1975, headed the Australian averages this summer when he scored 828 runs from 10 first-class matches at an average of 82.8 runs per innings. Robinson bats in the middle order for Victoria, but Chappell said today he was confident that Robinson would make an ideal opener.

Another player under consideration as an opener is the young Western Australian, Craig Serjeant, who is a middle order player for his state with an outstanding initial season of first-class cricket by scoring 730 runs at an average 66.36 from 10 games. Serjeant, a tall and technically sound batsman, could be an outstanding opener for he has an ideal temperament. He hit an unbeaten century against MCC in

ideal temperament. He hit an un-beaten century against MCC In Perth early in March.

"We have a young and exciting team but I am confident we will retain the Ashes, provided the young batsmen settle down quickly", said Chappell Chappell said he would miss the flery bowl-ing of Lillee.

plays to reach Wembley.

"But don't necessarily think that it will be third time lucky mow for Manchester", said Jimmy Armfield, the Leeds manager, as we sat in his office at Elland Road. "After all, they have bearen us four times in the League over the past two seasons, so in those terms it could be our turn. Anyway, it is a special occasion for me. It is the first time in my 25 years in the game as player and manager that I've been involved in an FA Cup semi-final.

"In my active days with Blackpool, of course, playing behind the great Stanley Matthews, I frequently got to the quarter-finals. said he would miss the fiery bowling of Lillee.

Much depends on the fast bowler. Geoffrey Thomson, now recovered from a dislocated right shoulder, but who has not played a first-class match since his injury last December. Should Thomson fail, great responsibility will be thrust on Max Walker and on the new fast bowler, Mick Malone. Geoffrey Dimock, and the aggressive Len Pascoe.

Australia have most talented young batsmen in David Hookes, with five centuries in six innings

young batsmen in David Hookes, with five centuries in six innings before the centuries in six innings before the centuriary Test, and Kim Hughes, the Western Australian team colleague of Serjeaut. The Australian party is:

G. J. Chappell (capting, R. W. Marsh. K. D. Walters, R. J. Bright. G. Ly Coster, I. C. Davis, G. Dymodek. D. Chappell (Capting, R. W. Marsh. K. D. Walters, R. J. Bright. G. S. Serjeaut. J. R. Thomson, and M. H. N. Walter —Agencies.

Croft may play

Lancashire are hoping that Clive Lloyd and the new fast bowler Croft will be able to play in the Benson and Hedges match against Hampshire at Southampton on Sat-

The Post Office cricket scores service was used by more than 23 million callers in 1976, a record. The total of 23,008,684 was over quiring for scores in the Test

Today's cricket

LORD'S: MCC v Middlesex (11.0 to OXFORD: Oxford University w Warwick-shire 111.0 to 5.50 or 6.01.

HOVE: Kent 195 for a h 54.40 overs 1C. Rowe 51 not out; J. Shrie-herd 29, C. Cowdrey 29, bear Susset 145 for 6 (R. Khight 51, P. Graves 45).

Football Correspondent
Liverpool's arrival in their first
European Cup final comes at an
opportune moment when the continent is without an equipped successor to Bayern Munich. Their
opponents in Rome on May 25.
Borussia Monchen Gladbach, will
be vastly more worthy than the
mediotre Zurich team who lost
3—0 (6—1 on aggregate) in the
semi-final round second leg at
Anfield on Wednesday.
However, the German team's

However, the German team's stature is measurably less imposing than that of Bayern at the height of their powers. The moment also comes in time for moment also comes in time for Liverpool to take their last chance of winning the trophy before the team undergoes some reorganization. Keesan is still determined to seek fresh challenges with a continental club, which will deprive the side of a valuable partuership with Toshack.

More than any other quality in their play, the ability of Toshack to win the ball in the air for Keesan could have been crucial in Rome, but Toshack is still suffering from an injured ankle and is unlikely to be ready for the

is unlikely to be ready for the final. Heighway and Kemedy, both hurt on Wednesday, will have

both hurt on Wednesday, will have recovered in time for tomorrow's FA Cop semi-final round game with Everton.

It was Toshack who set Borussla problems in the Uefa Cup final in 1973 when Liverpool wou 3—2. The evidence of the German's performance in their semi-final against Dinamo Kiev on Wednesday suggested that their defence would still faker when faced with

On Saturday Leeds United face Manchester United at Hillsborough,

Manchester United at Hallsborough, Sheffield, in the semi-final round of the FA Cup. It will be the third meeting of these Leviathans on this same historic ground at this penuitimate stage of the competi-tion. It was so in 1965 and again in 1970 when goalless draws each time led to Leeds winning the re-

quently got to the quarter-finals, but never this far. At the time of the Matthews Final of 1953 I'd just

joined the club as a 17-year-old. I watched that game from the lerraces and later, back at Bloom-field Road, I had the thrill of touching the trophy itself. That's the only time I've held the Cup so far. But who knows what lies ahead?

Two steel fences

at Hillsborough

United and Leeds United will be

cased in for the FA Cup send-

final round at Billsborough, on

Saturday. A team of welders have worked for a fortnight to erect

two 10ft high galvanized steel

Sheffield Wednesday's club secretary, Eric England, said yesterday: "It has not been erected as a measure against Man-

erected as a measure against Manchester fans, but is something we
have had in mind for about three
years. People have been running
on to the pitch and they have
brought this on themselves."

Harry Haslam, Luton Town's
manager, is asking his directors
to provide seats in all parts of the
stadium and an admission charge
of £1 for everyone. The scheme
would cut the ground capacity

would cut the ground capacity from 25,000 to about 16,000 but Mr Haslam said: "If everybody sits, you have less trouble and we

Last night's football

fences, costing £6,000.

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plays to reach Wembley.

banish forward, are among several players, including Keegan, being watched by Real Madrid. Udo Lanek, Borussia's coach, Uno Latter, Borussia's Coach, reflected the tension of the game when he said that towards the end. "the clock seemed to have stopped". But he added: "On neutral ground in Rome, we can beat anyone."

beat anyone."

Liverpool's most successful European performances have been at Anfield. Significantly, they have twice won the Uefa Cup, which has a home and away flual, but never before reached the European Cup final which is completed on neutral territory. Rome will

Armfield with a knowing grin.
"Obviously these can't be divulged to those chaps across the Pennices. Otherwise we've

made no special preparations; just training here during the week then off to Sheffield on Friday

are happiest in their own environment."

Things have changed quietly since Armfield went to EHand Road three seasons ago at a point when Leeds were equal bottom of the League after the end of Revie's long reign in power and the ill-starred, stormy interlude of Brian Clough. "I knew it would be difficult for me so I decided to let the dust settle. The players finemselves — especially John Giles—with their discipline and pride of club, got us out of a hole.

"It was they who eventually took us to the top half of the champiouship and got us to the final of the European Cup, which they lost only through disgraceful refereeing. At that point I began to take stock and realized I would face the future with eight players over 30 years of age in the side. So most of the old guard departed, one by one—Giles, Bremner, Jack Charlton, Cooper, Hunter and Yorath.

"Even young Duncan McKenzie, Clough's prize acquisition, soon went to Anderlecht because he wanted to play in Europe. Though

the graditional British method of attacking with high centres into the penalty area.

One would like to think that the champions of the Football League had the skill for a more versalle approach, but Leverpool are realistic, and will rely on the stringth and persistence that has kept them in European competition for 13 years. Borusia have not had such a convincing victory in this season's European Compatibion for 13 years. Borusia have not had such a convincing victory in this season's European Compatibion, for 13 years. Borusia have not had such a convincing victory in this season's European Compatibion, in the specific form has been affected by injuries to Heynckes, Vogus and Danner.

Heynckes, Vogus

May 11.

Juvenius, beaten by Borussia in the Second round of the European-Cup last year but conquerors of Manchester United and Manof Manchester United and Manchester City this season, should win the Uera Cup in a home and away final against Atlético Bilbao on May 4 and 18. Their good form against the British clubs and later the East Germans, Magdeburg, was confirmed on Wednesday when they beat AEK 1—0 in Athens to win 5—1 on aggregate. The goal by Bettega was the first the Greek side had conceded at home in the Uera Cup this season.

First semi-final for 'Gentleman Jim'

Three share lead after two rounds

Madrid. April 21.—Antonio Garrido, of Spain, had a round of the Spain, had a round of the State of the second round of the Spanish Open cold champlonship, here today to the log of the lead with another Spanish Francisco. Abreu, and Eddle Polland of Britain. on 139 (the round of 73 today and Polland from Northern Ireland 71.

Nick Faldo, aged 19, a former the lead after the state of the lead after going to the turn in 33 (three within a stroke of the lead after going to the turn in 33 (three strokes believed Abreu, the jiefending champion, after a first round to the turn, holing from 30 feet at the first, four feet at the steel. Mark James, of Britain, a former Valker Cup player, who returned a 69 yesterday, was out in 37 to be two under par for the cham-pionship.

pionship.

139; A. Garrido (Spain), 71. 68; F. Abreu (Spain), 66, 73; E. Polland, (GB), 68, 71.

141; J. Sland (St.), 71. 70; T. Lopes, 71.

142; N. Spain, 71, 70; M. Landes, 69 74.

143; D. Marido (St.), 72; L. Landes, 73; T. Landes, 74; T. Landes, 74; T. Landes, 75; T. Land

several long servers still remain like Harvey, Reamey, Madeley, Eddie Gray, Charke and Lorimer, only firee of them are in the 30-year-old bracket and young men—like Hampton, Frank Gray and others—have come to the top."

Armfield—the first overlapping full hack as a decoy to Matthews ("in those days the half way line resembled the Berlin wall. You needed a visa to cross it ")—sucked thoughtfully at his pipe. On the wall hung an unmistable Lowry original of a bleak football scene, signed by the paluter as a gift to this family man who reads poetry, loves fishing with bis sons in the Lakes or Scotland and who plays the organ in his local church on Sundays.

Trained as a journalist against the day he would hang up his boots, Armfield still has an inch to write. Recently he did a series of broacasts for local radio, joter-viewing such waired figures ac the

Millstotravel but still faces life ban

The Right League secretary, David Oxie, said vesterday that Inn. Milks, the Widnes forward, was definitely going to New Zealand and Australia as a member of the British touring party but added; "It looks as traugh his chances of playing in New Zealand are not high."

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write. Recently he did a series of broacasts for local radio, interviewing such varied figures as the Archbishop of York, Arthur Scargill, Stan Barstow, Barney Coleherne, Merlyn Rees and Paul Fox. It was a successful venture he enjoyed.

"Maybe I'll get into that life one day. Meanwhile, football is a disease that keeps returning. It's hard to shake off. 'Gentleman Jim' I've been called because I smoke a pipe and appear to show no emotion. Little do they know how the fires burn and churn inside. It'll be hell watching at Hillsborough." Mr Oxly was commenting on a decision of the management committee it. New Zealand yesterday, maintaining the life ban on the player in consequence of an incident in the previous world championships when Mills was playing for Wiles against New Zealand at Swanga in November, 1975.

Mr Oylor, Said. "Was are dis-

Swansa in November, 1975.

Mr Oxley said: "We are disappointed at the news from New Zealand. We shall make the strongest representations at the International Board meeting. We trief to get this meeting moved to i date before the championship stated but New Zealand and Australia demurred. Australia are the hosts and will chair the meeting which will be held in June shortly tion and our decision has not been affected by outside influences, although we do take notice of gates and people walking our before the end of matches."

Of the board's decision, Mr Daniel said: "We didn't like the timing, but thought it was necessary." Only last mouth Mr Waiters caused a storm within the club when it was revealed that he had written to other clubs offering his services. before the grand final in Sydney. "But Mills is certainly going to few Zealand as one of a party of 20 players. If they make it physically impossible for him to play we shall make the strongest representations. There is talk of them banning him from social-functions and refusing to allow him to grounds as a speciator to watch matches. I just hope frey won't go to those extremes." Mr Oxley added: "It looks is though his chances of plating in New Zealand are not high but we are reserving the right to oldy him in other matches against Aus-

> The Rughy League executive committee are recommending that be decided at the annual meeting

> A League spokesman said ves-terday that all other connections followed a system of points dif-ference and that it was far easier for the public to follow. In the first division fight for eighth nince in the premiership play-off this casens. Brodom Worthern bead Leeds by 0.04 points.

Today's football Second division
Chariton Athletic v Botton Ward Fourth division

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE:

written to their Mr Daniel stated: "We have in no way said we are not going to renew his contract. Tony has been at the club fur four and a half years and there has never been a suggestion that we don't want him or his staft." Plymouth, having taken only two points from their past four ganies, are threatened by relegation. John Giles, who leaves yest Bromwich Albion at the end of the season, is expected to become the coach as well as the player-manager of Northern Ireland. He is also expected to become the player-manager of Shamvock Rovers, of the League of Ireland. of May. Michael Kelly, a former Queen's Park Rangers and Birmingham City goalkeeper, will be in charge of all training and playing matters until the end of the season. He took over recently as first team couch and he will be assisted by Ellis Stuttard, a former manager, who will handle the administration, and Tom Eggleston, the physiotherapist. Mr Dandel said there will be no clauging match and no dispute over the contract. "Everything has been resolved amicably", he said. "If any steam is to be let off I want to see it on the field. We directors are men of convic-Scottish party weakened

Waiters is dismissed and

his assistant resigns

Phymouth Argyle yesterday dis-

Wasters, and his assistant. Keith

Blunt, has resigned. Robert Daniel.

the club chairman, said: "Tony

Waiters has been dismissed by the

board and compensated on the out-

standing part of his contract by

mutual agreement." Mr Waiters's

contract was to expire at the end

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier divi William Ormond, the Scotland manager, has had four withdrawals ISTAMIAN LEAGUE: First division lichin Town 2, Spiton United 1 'yeombe Wanderers 1, Slough Town 0 ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division Errorm and Ewell 1, Worthing 1. RUGBY LEAGUE: Second division: longaster 20. Huddensfield 18.

from his party of 18 for next Wed-nesday's under-21 international against England at Bramall Lane. Clark, the Aberdeen goalkeeper, has pulled out because of a back injury; Burpley and Wark, of

cause of their club's League cham-ploushly match with Liverpool on Saturday week; and Aithen, the Celtic player, has examinations. Thomson, the Partick reserve goalkeeper, and Stark of St Mirren, were chosen as two of the replacements.

Swimming

Miss Brazendale chosen tor two events

Cheryl Brazendale (Norbreck Castle), the best women's twimming sprinter in the country at the moment, has been chosen for two events, the 100 metres and 400 metres free-style, during Belgium's seventy-fifth anniversary gala in Brussels on May 14 and 13. She competes with a top-class British team which also includes the Olympic representative, Gordon Downie. The team is:

(Wight) to memory the start of the start of

Ireland to meet Dutch in Dublin today

Ireland meet The Netherlands to day in the first match of a quadrangular hockey tournament in Dub-lin, starting at 5 pm. England and Scotland are also taking part in the event which ends on Sunday. IRBLAND (from) F. Allen CANON, J. Clarke, P. Herdy, R. Judge, J. A. O'Mears, N. Qutnn, Cole, C. Lalla, F. Hayhani, D. Shira, M. Shinamon, P. Anderson, N. Dupi T. A. Grego, M. McGladdary.



Ahead on points: Dunn (left) and Aird, challengers for the British heavyweight title on May 2, have met eight times. Aird leads 6-2.

TWA's daily 747 to Boston and Philadelphia. (Starts April 24)



Nº1 across the Atlantic

Luck of the draw deserts England in world event

By Richard Streeton The draw for the inaugural Roland Maywald (West Germany),

world badminton championships at Malmo from May 3 to May 8 has hardly worked out kindly for the England team. The seedings, predictably, are the same as those which proved so accurate at last month's All-England championships at Wemblev with Flemming Delfs (Denmark) and Liem Swie King (Indonesia) sharing joint (irst place in the men's singles, and Hirue Yuki (Japan) and Lone few players who regularly trouble Köppen (Denmark) expected to contest the women's final.

David Eddy (Staffordsbire) and
Ray Stevens (Essex) have fared
worst among the English men.
Eddie meets Liem in his first
match and Stevens, if he gets past
the West German No 1, Michael
Schnaase, plays Delfs in the second
round, Paula Kilvington, the 19tear-old Yorkshire girl, who round. Paula kitvington, the 19year-old Yorkshire girl, who
played so well in the All-England
event, meets Miss Yuk; in her
first match in the women's singles,
and Jane Webster (Suifolk) first
plays Barbara Beckett (Ireland). If pusys parpara Beckett (Ireland). If she wins, she comes up immediately against Miss Köppen.

Desch Talbox (Screen, 1988)

but he quickly encounters lie Sumirat (Indonesia). Margarer Lockwood (Cumbria) and Gillian Gilks (Surrey) share the 4-4 position in the women's

Tredgett (Gloucestershire) is

seedings. Mrs Lockwood is in Miss Coffin's balf of the draw and would have preferred to have been in the other section. She has won three of her last five matches with Miss Yuki and Is one of the the experienced Japanese. Mrs Lockwood's first match is with

Joanda Flockbart (Scotland) and she has to get past a fourth round meeting with her old rival, Joke van Beusekom (Netherlands) before reaching the semi-final England's best chances of a title

she wins, she comes up immediately against Miss Köppen.

Derek Talbot (Northumberland) is England's only seed in the men's singles, sharing fifth to eighth place and is in Liem's half of the draw. Talbot starts against Masao Tsuchida (Japan) and should eventually play Svend Pri (Denmark) and Mrs Gilks favourites to repeat for a place in the semi-final round. Tredgett and Mrs Petry.

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Three she Cloonlara's gallop dispels doubts

Clooniar

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
Yesterday was a busy day in the
life of Lester Piggott. The day for
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still asleep, when he partmered the
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lon Lady Mere

the Princess Effizioned Stakes for Robert Sangster and Barry Hills on Lady Mere.

This week there was a rumour that at Essom that all was not well as with Cloonlava, but that was self emphatically denied by Vincent O'Brien's wife, Jacqueline, who has been standing in for her hashand recently while he has been recovering at home in the hashand recently while he has been recovering at home in liretand from a bad artick of the hashand recently while he has been recovering at home in liretand from a bad artick of the hashand recently while he has been recovering at home in pretain further reassurance they need has only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him only have been on the Heath to see him on the companions. Cloonlara has been him only have been on the Heath to see him on the companions of the him of th Dewhurst Stakes the year before.
O'Brien took the trouble to ensure that the pace of the gallop would be right by asking Noel Murless's head and "Spider" Gibson, who is acknowledged as one of the best riders of work in the country, to parmer Mailnowski. Looking

partner Malinowski. Looking bright in her coat and as hard as nails—an enturely different filly to the one I saw at Ascot this month — Cloqulara was always to the one I saw at Ascot this month — Cloqulara was always going well.

She floated over the ground with easy rhythmic strides and Piggott confirmed that she could hardly have gone better. They went a brisk gallop from the jump off yet Piggott never had to move a muscle and I will be more than mildly surprised if Clooniara has falled to train on. And so, too, I know, will her connexions, who have seen her work so conspicuously well on numerous occasions at Bellydoyle this string when one of her regular galloping companions has been be My Guest, who was impressive at Epsom on Tuesday.

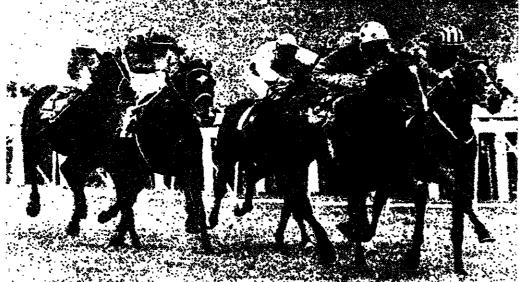
The outcome of yesterday's Princess Elizabeth Stakes simply

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but still



The ladies have their way in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom. Piggott nurses Lady Mere (second right) politely ahead of Lady Rhapsody (right).

endorsed the feeling that Lady Mere's owner, Robert Sangster, does have a particularly strong hand this year when it comes to three-year-old fillies. What with having a stake in Cloonlara and owning all of River Dane, Durtal, Lady Mere and Plazza Navonna he has a bunch of the best in Europe and a distinct chance of winning not only the 1,000 Guineas at New market but also the equivalent classics in France, Ireland and Italy, Mr Sangster confirmed that classics in France, Ireland and Italy. Mr Sangster confirmed that Cloonlara, in whom he has an equal interest with Jack Mulcahy and O'Brien, and River Dane will carry his hopes in our Guineas leaving Durtal free to go to France for their equivalent. Having won yesterday Lady Mere will be kept in reserve for the Italian fillies' classic will be left to Piazza Navonna who is trained there. Barry Hills has done norticus Navouna who is trained there.

Barry Hills has done particularly well for Mr Sangster this spring, having saddled Durtal to win the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbory as well as winning yes-

terday's good prize with Lady Merc. Piggott nursed her to win more comfortably than it might have appeared knowing that she had had a temperature only 13 days ago. Mr Sangster paid £20,000 for Lady Mere, who is out of a Worden II mare, after she had won at York last September for won at York last September for her previous owner and her trainer, Ernie Weymes. Mr Sang-ster intended to send her to race in California. But after she had spent a few days in Lambourn with Barry Hills in the autumn, Hills begged her owner to leave her with him.

leave her with him.

A year ago the Sandown Cup was won by Royal Match, who went from strength to strength in the first half of the season, and today it may well be won by Air Trooper, another horse who has done likewise. The fitting of blinkers on this four-year-old seems to have worked wonders and in the past fortnight Air Trooper has won the Rosebery Stakes at Kempton Park and the

Thirsk programme

2.0 KNAYTON STAKES (2-y-o: £595: 5f)

2.30 SOWERBY STAKES (3-y-o : £902 : 1½m)

King Flush, Hbi Jones, 7-2
Tin Mine, M. Stoute, 1-4
Tin Mine, M. Stoute, 1-4
Printes Carl (D), J. Hindley, 9-0
Office Printe, R. Hollinshead, R-10
Rastev (D, B), J. Watts, 9-0
High Linnet, J. Etherington, 8-7

3.30 JUVENILE STAKES (Maiden 2-y-o: £846: 5f)

4.0 BRITON STAKES (Handicap: f914: 1m)

1 21144-0 Indianira (C.D.), M. W. Easterby, 5-9-9.
2 31010-0 Autumn Glow, T. Fairhurst, 4-9-6.
3 0000-00 Venus of Stretham (D.B.), G. Brum, 4-9-5.
4 10111-1 Make p Signal, S. Hall, 4-8-7.
7 431300- Rayal Major (C.D.), W. Walts, 6-8-7.
8 20304-2 Wisson (C.D.), W. Esry, 4-7-12.
10 032230-2 Petias Souris (C.D.), W. Esry, 4-7-12.
11 032230-2 Petias Souris (C.D.), S. Nichell, 5-7-7.
12 40400-0 Petias India (C.D.), S. Nichell, 5-7-7.
13 40400-0 Petias Souris (C.D.), S. Nichell, 5-7-7.
14 40400-0 Petitis Laine, P. Poston, 4-7-7.

5-2 Kilhairon, 11-1 Make a Signal 9-2 Wigson, 6-1 Ver Autumn Glow, 12-1 Royal Major, 16-1 others.

4.30 HAMBLETON STAKES (3-y-0: £1,088: 6f)

3.0 BIRDFORTH STAKES (Handicap: 3-y-o: £1,473: 1m)

Newbury Spring Cup. It can be taken for granted that the handicapper will penalize Air Trooper more than the 81b that he has already incurred and, judged on the way that he won at Newbury last Saturday, he may well be still leniently treated with \$st 4lb. leniently treated with Sst 4lb.

Luca Camani, the young Italian who is currently training at Newmarket, has already won a couple of good races this season for his owner, Mr Gatto-Roissard, with Freeze The Secret and Vaguely Deb, and today he may well win another with Lorelene, who is my selection for the April Malden Stakes. Our Newmarket correspondent told me yesterday that Lorelene has been working nicely this spring and she is preferred to

spring and she is preferred to Miss Mars, Quality Blake and Georgian Girl even though they

have run already.

Stewards go against **Christmas** Visit

By Michael Seely The ups and downs of racing have never been more clearly illustrated than at Pontefract yesterday. The 5-4 on favourite Christmas Visit passed the post first in the Webster's Pennine Mile championship, apparently giving a double to Barry Hills. who had earlier won the Princess Elizabeth Stakes, at Epsom, with Lady Mere. Bur the stewards announced an inquiry and Christ-mas Visit was disqualified for in-terfering with the third horse, Out of Data

of Date.

The colt's jockey. Robert Street, who was deputizing for the injured Ernie Johnson, was cautoned for careless riding. After viewing the camera patrol film, it was obvious that, although the result had in no way been affected, the stewards had every justification in reaching their decision. Christmas Visit is clearly a difficult ride, but Street had his whip in his right hand when the three-year-old swerved and bumped Out of Date.

Hüll's loss was Ryan Jarvis' gain

Hill's loss was Ryan Jarvis' gain as the race was awarded to the second borse, Olympic Visualise, who was bred by her owner, Irving Allen, at the Derisley Wood stnd. Allen, at the Derisley Wood stnd.

Jarvis and Thomas had their second winner of the afternoon when Dred Scott just got the better of a drawn out tussle with My Wellie in the Barbican handicap. This news must have acted as a welcome boost to Jarvis, who is at present in Bury St Edmunds Hospital, having gone there for observation after feeling III when returning from Nottingham races on Monday.

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on Monday.

The run of success being enjoyed by Peter Easterby's two-year-olds continued when Vascar landed the odds of 5-2 laid on him in the Ropergare Stakes. But although Vascar had two lengths and a half to spare at the finish. Mark Birch had to work hard before the two-year-old asserted his superiority over Northern Way. As Easterby pointed out when Vascar defeated his more fancied stable companion, New Lane at

2.45 (2.46) ROPERGATE STAKES (2-y-0:£1,107:5f)

(2-y-o: El. 107: 5f)
Vascar, ch c, by Rol Solell—
Kindling (Mrs S. Wareing), 8-12
T. O'Ryan (2-5 gst) 1
Northern Way ... P. Tolk (35-1 2
Merchaniman T. McKeown (33-1 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Herringswell, 10-1
Cousin Ribby (4thr. 12-1 Kingsky,
7 ran,
TOTE: was

3.13 (3.24) CORN MARKET HANDS CAP (5444: 1 m)

Mus cal Lucy, br f, by Jukebox—
Drusilla (W. Marshill), 4-7-11
T. Major (7-1) 1
renbridge ... R. Currant (14-1) 2
Hilliana ... G. Skeats (20-2) 3

Hilliana G. Skeats 120-11 -ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Baruaby Beck 5-1 Velvet Circle, 8-1 Miclac, 16-1 Captain Cheeko, Lovesome Hill (4th), 20-1 Frewine, Tunis, 25-1 Austhorp Hill 33-1 Sils Waria, Holly Doon, Pi Hill Pete, Obede Light, Manullari, 18

TOTE: Win. 55p; places, 14p, 19p p. 27p, W. Marshall, at Newmarket

4.15 (4.16) BUTTERCROSS HANDI CAP (5-y-g: £1,050: 6f)

13 rop.
TOTE: Win, £1.06; places, 19p. 64n.
55p. E. Collingwood, at Middleham.
31.31.
TOT DOUBLE: Olympic Visualise.
Dred Scott. £5.09; TREBLE: Musical
Lucy, Silver Chief, Ackabarrow, £35.70
Paid on first two legs only.

2.15: 1, Precious Jam (errns fer); 2, Minigold (8-1); 5. Capalena (3-1). 10 ran. 2.45: 1. Johnny Binge (20-1); 2. Minnas Express (25-1); 5. Mirandola (7-2). 11 ran. Low Profile did not run.

(7-2: 11 ran. Low Profile did not run.
7.15: 1. Quick Result (8-1); 2. Enstern American (10-1); 3. Park End (13-1); 1. Crumlin, 7-2 law. 16 ran.
5.45: 1. Nelsen Boy (5-1); 2. Hodge Hill (11-4 law: Rolled Nobie the Nobie Aureole, Sayroy did not run.
4.13: 1. Tranky (12-1: 2. Peter the Great (5-1); 5. Bright Baby (20-1: Striker, 2-1 fav. 14 ran.
Hartley Hill did not run.
4.45: 1. The Winker (15-2); 2. Howeame (5-2); 3. Varvel (35-1); Railway City, 6-4 (at. 20 ran.
5.15: 1. Broken Stesta (14-1); 3. Cadogan Lane (evens fav.) 3. Tim Ding (20-1); 12 ran. Caelic Melouy and No Belle did not run.

Taunton NH

Ludlow NH

Pontefract

Haydock Park, the colt already needs six furlongs.

The Lily Agnes Foal Stakes, at Chester, next Tuesday week may be Vascar's next objective. Although Chester is a sharp course, the five furlongs needs a fair amount of stamina and short runners rarely win there. The Malton trainer went on to say that Birch would ride Sea Pigeon and Thomas the champion hurdler, Night Nurse, in the Chester Cup the following afternoon.

Thirsk, one of the best run

Nurse, in the Chester Cup the following afternoon.

Thirsk, one of the best run courses in the country, has recently been raised to Group II strus. Their spring meeting opens on a quiet note today, when Never So Lovely may represent the best bet on the card in the Hambleton 'takes. Michael Stoute's filly, who easily justified favourtism on her reappearance at Warwick, is the worst drawn of the previous winners in the race. Prince of Jarva and Robin Brook, successful at Ayr and Beverley respectively, will break from stalls i3 and 15, while Never So Lovely is drawn, two on the outside of the field. But the Realm filly's early speed may enable her to overcome this disadvantage.

In the Sowerby Stakes, Stoute runs The Mine, a good looking colt by Blakency. Tin Mine beat Brilliant at Newbury last September on the second of his only two runs as a two-year-old. Reld in high regard by his trainer, Tin Mine seems certain to make a useful handicapper this season.

But the trainer's six winners so far have all been fillies and his colts have appeared to need their first race. I am taking Jeremy Hindley's Ripon winner.

their first race. I am taking Jeremy Hindley's Ripon winner, Prince Carl, to bear Tin Mine and king Flush, who was Impressive when beating some well fancied southern-trained maidens in the horizonter ground at Managastle's bottomicss ground at Newcastle's Easter meeting.
It could be an all Yorkshire

It could be an all Yorkshire finish to the Briton Apprendices' Handicap, in which Bill Watts's Kithairon can complete a third win at the expense of Widgeon. Stoute can take the £2,000 Ladbroke Leisure Handicap, at Leicester, with his four-year-old filly. Oriental Star. This is a competitive affair with Kalgoorlie, Pembi Chase and Friday Brown all having shown signs of an imminent return to winning form. But Oriental Star, three times successful last year, can start this season ful last year, can start this season

on a winning note.

Other likely winners at Lelcester are Barry Hills' two-year-old Delra Sierra, in the Woolsthorne Maiden Stakes and Seven Winds, who has Billion and Pin Tuck to overcome in the Spring Handicap Stakes.

Horse show

First five separated by only four points

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

A local rider, Jane Macdonald, is in the lead after the lirst day of dressage at the Badminton horse trials. She is riding Anna Maria, named after Beatrix Poter's Rolling Pinned Rat, and they remained well within bounds, and they are now comfortably placed. is in the lead after the first day of dressage at the Badminton borse trials. She is riding Anna Maria, named after Beatrix Potter's Rolling Pinned Rat, and they hold a three point lead over the first of the West German contingent, Hans Melzer on Salut.

Lucinda Prior-Palmer is only fractionally behind on Killaire, who was second at Burghley last year. Anna Buxton, Christopher Colline's sister, is fourth on Special Constable, narrowly ahead of Miranda Frank on Collingwood, a Taunton Vale winner. Only four points separate the first five horses. they are now comfortably placed. With half the field still to go, the position will change today, when the other two West German riders and Miss Partinson will go round, but possibly less so than it former years when the first day has been more restricted. The cross-country course, with 34 obstacles, has been altered and half of Colonel Frank Weldon's obstacles are new.

They have been redesigned to

horses.

Captain Mark Phillips, deputizing for Princess Anne, is lying sixth on the Queen's horse, Goodwill. He came into the arena in mid-morning, but luckily, before he started to ride his test, the chief steward, Major Lawrence Rook, noticed that Goodwill was incorrectly accounted, wearing a Grakle (crossed) noseband, which is not allowed, rather than the conventional Cavesson pattern. conventional Cavesson pattern.
He pointed it out to Captain
Phillips, who went out and, with
Princes Anne's assistance,

They have been redesigned to encourage riders to be more adventurous. "It is important to avoid the risk of hurting horses", he said, "but the course will not be easy and it is still a serious test. But there are more sail-on fences, and at each of the difficult, places there is a reward for skill; and at least one alternative for those with a more realistic view of their own or their horse's limitations." Even the lake in front of Badminton House is new and now resembles a Cormish fishing village waterfront.

they are now comfortably placed.

Athletics

Thompson is permitted to overlook AAA marathon

Ian Thompson will miss this year's AAA marathon championship, at Rugby on May 7. He has passed up the chance of seeking revenge over Barry Watson, last year's surprising winner, to undergo a special racing test which he hopes will help him decide if he can stand up to the defence of his Commonwealth and European titles next year.

The 1978 Commonwealth Games take place in Edmonton, Canada, three weeks before the European championships in Prague. Thomp-son's preparation is to include an event in Amsterdam on May 21 and the Polytechnic marathon on

and the Polytechnic marathon on June 12.

He also plans to run in New York on October 24 and Auckland three weeks later. "I am not sure yet that I want to defend both titles next year, but at least I have the chance now to see if it is a practical possibility. I want to see if my legs can take the strain", Thompson said.

John Martell, the AAA national administrator, said: "Normally we would not grant an athlete permission to compete abroad where it clashes with a domestic championship, but in this case

championship, but in this case we see the value of Thompson's planning and he goes with our Cliff Temple writes: Sunsilk, the shampoo manufacturers, are putting \$5,000 into this year's national women's championships in August. They are taking over as sponsors of a meeting involv-ing over 1,000 female athletes. At a reception to announce this a reception to announce this vesterday evening, Maria Hartman, the honorary secretary of the association, explained that the previous sponsors of the championships, Bird's Eve, were going to put \$20,000 into the British

sprint relay team over the next four years. They were thus now covering the interests of both male and

female athletes, although they will retain their sponsorship of an annual scholarship course for promising young girl athletes. The women's AAA continues its

Epsom results 2.0 (2.04) WESTMINSTER STAKES 12-y-0 filles: £1,037: 5f) Silk Lady, b I, by Tribel Chief— Anjonic (Mrs N. Collins), 9-3 B. Rouse (8-15 Iav) 1 Ladyracer. B. Iaga (5-1) 2 Flashy Leoter. P. Cook (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 10-1 Miss Dilke (4th), 25-1 Piora, Town Blues, 6 ran. TOTE: Win, 16p; places, 12p, 27p, Forecast: 38p, P. Ashworth, at Epsom, 5t, 2t, 58.6sec. 2.50 (2.52) WARREN STAKES (3.y-a. £4.552: 1'₂m'

Millionaire, br c, by Mill Recf-State Ponsion (Mrs D. McCal-mont), 8-12 . . P. Eddery 15-21 1 Mr Music Man, . . P. Cook 14-11 2 Padroug . L. Piggott (8-15 fav 3 ALSO RAN: 10-1 David (4th), Royal Legend, 16-1 Spartials, 20-1 Prost Frigate, Wests Steel, 59-1 Ernel, 100-1 Hampshire, 10 ran.

Lady Rhapsody,
Ron Hutchinson (20-1) 2
Stradey Park, ... P. Madden (12-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 9-4 Princess Tlara, 10-1 Brightelmstone, 13-1 Swagger, 16-1

3.45 (3.46) WEBSTER'S PENNINE CHAMPIONSHIP (Qualifier: 3-y-01 E1.039: 1m)
Olympic Visualise: b f, by Northfields—Visualise: d. Alien), 8-11
Out of Date ... P. Young 19-2: 2
Blonde Warrior ... D. Ryan (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-5 fay Christman Vicil disqi ... 7-1 Jobtna, 13-1 Fabrica, Rivock, Venturus ... 4th, 16-1 Tarropeke, 9 fan. ... 13-1 places. 26p. 25p.
12-75: deal forecast, 78p. R. Jarvis, at Newmarket. 1t, 6t. TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 14p, 25p, 25p; dual forecast, \$2.45 B. Hills, at Lambourn, 41, 21, 1min 48.70sec. .55 (3.37) LADEROKE HANDICAP (\$2,547: 50) CAP (5-7-0: EL.050: 65)

Silvor Chief, br. by Tribal Chief—
Wroth Silver (W. Marshall; 8-11

R. Marshall; 8-11

Templa K. Levil; (15-1)

Self Portrait L. Charnock (11-4 fav)

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Rial, 6-1 Dust-Up

14th). Meladreum. 15-2 Miss Kalehtsbridge, 12-1 Callimoor. Christine Jane.

Creek Myth. Philodelphia Story. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win. 77p: places, 31p. 60p.

25p. W. Marshall, at Newmarket.

11, 71. (CC.547: St.)
Vilgora bh. by Raifingora—Vilgora bh. by Raifingora—Vilgorithm (A. Stevens.) S.4-6
S. Perts. (9-1)
Song of Songs. ... J. Mercer (13-2), 2
Raffila Sott. ... W. Carson (13-2), 2
Raffila Sott. ... W. Carson (13-2), 2
ALSO RAN: 5-1 far Self Salisfied (4hh., 11-2 Relative Ease 5-1 Kellystown, 16-1 Corshwin, 12-1 Rainesh, 13-1 Gallito, 16-1 Shackie, 35-1 Giensilver, 11 fan. 11, 71.

4.45 BARBICAN HANDICAP (2872: 11gm)

Dred Scott, b h. by Tom Rotte—
Free Model (Mrs L. Midenstein),
5-8-5 ... M. L. Thomas (9-4; 7

My Weilie ... D. Micholis (12-1) 2

Solo Reigo ... T. Ives (7-4 far) 3

ALSO RAN: 10-2 Royal Bally (44h),
10-1 Rough River, 11-1 Lantern Boy,
14-1 Montreal Boy, 16-1 Candcule, 20-1

Moray, 9 ran.

TOTE, Win, Mp; places, 16p, 20p,
12p; dout forecast, 21.78, R. Jarvis,
at Newmarket, M. Bl.

4.10 (4.11. APRIL HANDICAP 13-y-o fillies: \$1,500: Int 110yds)
Lucent, b f, by Irish Hall—Lucasland (J. Bailies: 9-5
land (J. Bailies: 1 Jan. Carpless
TOTE: Wio, 53p, blaces, 25n, 18p,
dual forecast: 25p, H, Price, at Findon, Hd, Gl. 1min 47.85sec.

4.45 (4.45) SPRING APPRENTICE HANDICAP (2382): 71 113ds;
Naarb New, p s, by Derring-Do-Lyda II (W. Norion), 6-9-11
Burma Pink, ... M. Sidi (3-1) 2
Alanrod, ... C. Sheppard (5-1) 2
Alanrod, ... C. Sheppard (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Heracles (4th), 13-2 Happy Victorious, 9-1 Cimri, 13-2 Happy Victorious, 9-1 Cimri, 13-1 Hitmenbach, Two Together, Washington Grey, Brilliant Repartee, 10 Jan.
TOTE: Win, 37p: places, 15p, 19p, 18p; deal forecast: 21.11. B. Swill, at Epsom, 11, 21 Junh 25,44sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Lady Mere & Lurent, 27.40, Treble, Williona, v. Vilgota and Nearly New, 255.30, Jackpot, 3315.50.

Ian Thompson will miss this apparent reluctance to become too deeply involved with anything associated with men's athletics and look instead towards the specific femininity of the new sponsor's product.

Attending the reception were Karrina Jane Colebrook and Mary Stewart, who both won gold medals at the recent European indoor championships and who are now forming their own plans for the season. Miss Colebrook has already been in outdoor action with a promising start—a personal best time of 54.5sec in the 400 metres on a windy day at Notting-

The time will encourage her or the summer, particularly as she has an 800 metre race at what she terms an "obscure" site she has an sou merre race at what she terms an "obscure" site planned for the near future. Her best distance is 800 metres and the realises the pressures which will be on her to become the first British girl to break 2 minutes for the distance every time she lines up for the race.

However, she admits that her sudden improvement this winter has given her both confidence and apprehension for the outdoor season, and she will be glad "when the first 800 metres race is over ". Living in Caistor, Lincoloshire, she has the advantage over Miss Stewart of being able to keep out of the public eye when

Miss Stewart was bemoaning the fact that, unlike Miss Colebrook, she is never offered a 400 metro race, much as she would like oue. Even if I did run one, everyone would expect me to get close to the British record. I've never run a competitive 400 metres. I'm offered only 800, 1,500 or 3,000 metre events."

It is the longer distance, which she has never raced outdoors, which she will contest at the national championships to see how national championships to see how she fares. There is a possibility that she may step up to the distance for the 1978 European outdoor championships.

Thorburn has good start

Clifford Thorburn, the Canadian champion, moved impressively towards the second round of the World Professional snooker championship, sponsored by Embassy, in Sheffield sesterday when he won the first seven frames to lead Rex Williams, the number six seed, 11—4 at the interval of their 25-frame first round match. In another first round match Alex Higgins, the Irish champion, maintained his overnight advantage

Tennis

Also RAN: 3-1 Heracles (4th)
15-2 Happy Victorious, 9-1 Cimri.
15-2 Happy Victorious, 9-1 Cimri.
15-3 Biumenbach. Two Together,
10 (2n. 1 Biumenbach. Two Together,
10 (2n. 1

Eddie Charlton, the Australian champion, completed a 13-5 win over David Taylor, of Manchester, by winning the first frame of the final period of their 25-frame match yesterday afternoon.

For the record

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankers 7. Toronto Blue Jays 5: Onkland Alibelics 4. Villwaukre Brewers 2. Dronto Hoer 18 Boson Red Soo 2. Dronto 18 Boson Red Soo 2. Ville Mariners 2. Children While Sox 3. Calliarnia Angels 2. Marional Society Red Soo 2. Marional Angels 18 June 18 Ju

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Sandown Park programme

[Television (IBA) : 230, 3.5 and 3.35 races]

230 JUVENILE FILLIES' STAKES (2-y-o: £1,151; 5f) 3.5 SANDOWN CUP (Handicap : £2,427 : 14m) mail 335 TUDOR STAKES (3-y-o : £1254 : 1m) - 102 - 102

410 APRIL FILLIES' STAKES (3y-o maidens: £1,476: 11m) 4.45 ATHLONE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,252: 5f)

Sandown Park selections

By Our Bacing Correspondent
2.0 Talkuns Melody. 2.30 Marjolaine. 3.5 Air Trooper. 3.35 Wealth
Tax. 4.10 Lorelene. 4.45 Beethoven.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Hamish. 2.30 Dior Queen. 3.35 Conifer. 4.10 Lorelene.

Leicester selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Delta Sierra. 2.45 Myth Utopia. 3.15 Oriental Star. 3.45 Seven
Winds. 4.15 Homeboy. 4.45 Pak Lok. 5.15 Stiff Sentence.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.15 Oriental Star. 3.45 Hit the Roof. 4.15 Homeboy. 4.45 Deep

BLETON STAKES (3-y-0: £1,088: 6f)

Prince of Java (0), Denys Smith, 9-3

Robin Brack, M. M. Easierby, 9-3

Never So Lovely (D), M. Slouting 9-0

Mainty's Lad, M. M. Easierby, 8-10

Mointy's Lad, M. M. Easierby, 8-10

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Nice Value, R. Hollmaheed, 8-10

Senfields, K. Mitchard, 8-10

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Vallew Glen, M. J. Jonney, 8-10

Vallew Glen, M. H. Easierby, 8-10

Forlorns, G. Blum, 8-7

Friendity Charus, B. Lunney, 8-7

Sloin, P. Dotton, B. Carly, 8-7

Sloin, P. Dotton, B. M. Bass, 8-7

Sloin, P. Dotton, B. M. Bass, 8-7

Twelfe Event, J. Calvert, 8-7

So Lovely, F-1 Hobin Brook, 5-1 Prince of Jenney, 1942. Thirsk selections

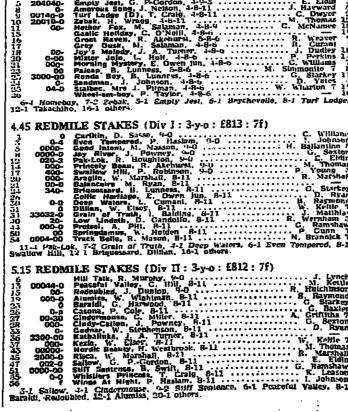
> By Our Racing Staff 52.0 Vicar's Lass. 2.30 Prince Carl. 3.0 Sunshine Lie. 3.30 Lady Alinba. 4.0 Kithalron. 4.30 NEVER SO LONELY is especially recommended.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.30 Prince Carl. 3.30 Pistol Pukka. 4.30 Never So Lovely. 4.15 COSSINGTON STAKES (£953: 14m)

Leicester programme

2.45 KNIPTON STAKES (2-y-o: £424: 55) 3.15 LEISURE STAKES (Handicap: £2,480: 1m)

3.45 SPRING STAKES (Handicap: 3-y-o2 £1,006: 11m) Stillon, J. Dunkon 9-5 - 77-0: 21,000 : 12,001
Stillon, J. Dunkon 9-5 - 7. R. Huichinson
Pin Tuck, W. Marshall, 8-8 - R. Marshall
Princass die Rhone, R. Boss, 8-7 / J. Lynch
Haybale, W. Elsey, 8-5 - W. Kellie 7
Hil the Roof, R. Jarvis, 7-11 - M. Thomas
Hil the Roof, R. Jarvis, 7-11 - W. Highin 7
Seven Winds, B. Lunnes, 7-9 - W. Highin 7
Seven Winds, B. Lunnes, 7-1 - B. Jacques, 7
Optiquality (B), P. Hastan, 7-1 - C. Leonard, 7-1
4-1 RH. the Roof, 5-1 On Thuck, 6-1 Ontionality 8-1 Haybale







. D. Tyrell 7 J. Maclean 7



Liability for cargo claims paid in US

Before Mr Justice Brandon

[Judgment delivered April 6] His Lordship held that where the owners of two sirips, one lost with its cargo (the Glacinto Motta), and the other damaged (the World Mermaid) in a collision, and where the cargo owners had received \$2.485.580 in settlement of their claim in the United States, the owners of the Motta states, the owners of the Motta were protected from being 50 per cent liable in respect of the cargo claim by virtue of the pro-viso in section 1(1)(c) of the

Maritime Conventions Act, 1911.
Mr Barry Sheen QC, and Mr
David Steel for the plaintiffs, the
owners of the World Mermaid;
Mr Michael Mustill, QC, and Mr
Nicholas Phikips for the owners of
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the Glacinto Motta.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in 1967 the World Mermaid collided with the Glacinto Motta on the high seas; the Motta was lost and her owners claimed to have suffered £500,000 damage. Her cargo was also lost and the cargo owners claimed f1,350,000. The Mormaid was damaged and ber

owners claimed £250,600.

There were two sets of proceedings. In the United States the Cargo owners' claim for \$3,353,268 was settled for \$2,485,880. In England the owners were parties to a collision action in which lia-hility had been agreed on the hility had been agreed on the basis of equal blame. The owners of the Motta were not liable to the cargo owners for the loss of the cargo by virtue of The Hague rules which applied to contracts of carriage. The limitation fund of the Mermaid was 5845,705, according to the law of England. The two questions of law before the court concerned the \$2,485,880 paid by the owners of the Metta's cargo: (1) whether and to what extent the damages recoverable by the owners of the recoverable by the owners of the Mermaid from the owners of the Motta included the cargo claim; and (2) assuming that the Mermaid

depended upon the true construc-tion of section 1 of the Maritime; Conventions Act, 1911, which had been passed to give effect to the Brussels Collision Convention and the Brussels Salvage Convention signed by this country in 1910. The main purpose of the Act was to establish the rule that, in the case of casualties caused by the faults of two or more ships, the faults of two or more ships, the liability for the resulting loss or damage should be in proportion to their respective degrees of fault, which involved the repeal of the old English Admiralty rule under which, in both-to-blame collision cases, liability was divided equally without regard to the respective degrees of fault.

Section 1 (1) of the Act provided that "Where, by the fault of two or more vessels, damage or loss is caused to one or more of

loss is caused to one or more of those vessels, to their cargoes or loss is caused to one or more or those vessels, to their cargoes or freight, or to any property on board, the liability to make good the damage or loss shall be in proportion to the degree in which each vessel was in fault: Provided that ... (c) nutaing in this section shall affect the liability of any person under a contract of carriage or any contract or shall be construed as imposing any liability upon any person from which he is exempted by any contract or by any provision of law, or as affecting the right of any person to limit his liability in the manner provided by law. (2) The expression 'freight' includes passage money and hire, and reference to damage and loss caused by the fault of a vessel shall be construed as including reference to any salvage or other expenses, consequent upon that fault, recoverable at law by way of damages."

In contrast, sections 2 and 3,

Chancery Division

Self-appointed agent must account

English v Dedham Vale Properties Ltd Before Mr Justice Slade

[Judgment delivered April 19] Where before exchange of contracts a proposed purchaser made a planning application in the name of the proposed vendors but without their knowledge, consent or authority and made a profit out of the permission which was obtained before the date for completion but war not disclosed before the date for completion but war not disclosed before the date for completion but war not disclosed before the date for completion but war not disclosed before the date for completions. able for such profit.

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His Lordship so held in a reserved judgment in an action by Mrs Elsie English, and her late husband, against the defendant property company, Dedham Vale Properties Ltd.

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, and Mr Adrian Trevelvan Thomas for

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, and Mr Adrian Trevelyan Thomas for Mrs English; Mr Leslie Joseph for the defendant company.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in July, 1971, Mrs English and her late husband exchanged contracts for the sale of a property they owned in Coggesball Road, Dedham Essey for £7.750 with Ded.

owned in Coageshall Road, Dedham, Essex, for £7,750 with Dedham, Essex, for £7,750 with Dedham Vale Properties Ltd, a property developing company owned and controlled by a Mr Harrington, an architect with planning experience.

By the writ, dated March 30, 1972, the plaintiffs sought rescision and damages or alternatively damages for misrepresentation. Mr English died on January 6, 1974. At the trial his Lordship had given leave to re-amend the statement of claim to introduce a new cause of action, so as to claim that the defendant company was accountable for profits by reason of matters set out in the original statement of claim, namely, that on July 14, 1971, the defendant's servant had without the plaintiffs' authority, consent or knowledge, on July 14, 1971, the defendant's servant had without the plaintiffs' authority, consent or knowledge, made an application for planning permission falsely holding himself out as being the plaintiffs' authorized agent and had given a certificate under section 16 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1962, and that on October 20, 1971, the planning authority, Lexden and Winstree Rural District Council, had given permission for the erection of a house and garage on part of the property, no information of the grant of permission having been conveyed to the plaintiffs, so that the company was enabled to make profits out of the purchase and subsequent development of the plot for which it was accountable. According to Mrs English, Mr Harrington informed her on May 21, 1971, that there was "no building obtainable", or words to that effect, and she and her husband had then accepted his offer of £7,750, a little more than the only other offer then available.

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According to Mr Harrington, he told her he would like on behalf of the company to make an application for planning permission affecting a single plot near the existing bungalow, explaining that he wanted to make it in their names, because of a "brush of personalities" he had had with one in a responsible position with Essex County Council, and that the plaintiffs had agreed. That Mrs English absolutely denied.

His Lordship was prepared to accept that Mr Harrington had briefly mentioned that he was proposing to make an appplication

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proposing to make an appplication in their names in respect of the small plot: but since that involved not only the use of their names but also a completely different application from any previously discussed, it was incumbent on him to make quite clear precisely what he had in mind and that he intended to use their names. The evidence indicated that Mrs English, who had a keen business English, who had a keen business sense, would have asked for some additional quid pro quo, if she had been fully aware that he was contemplating a more limited form of planning application with an inherently greater chance of success than any previously discussed, and particularly wanted to use their names. His Lordship was therefore satisfied that she had given no true consent to the use giron no true consent to the use of their names for any such

application. application:
However, his Lordship entirely rejected the allegation that Mr Harrington had made any representations in relation to the planning position which he knew to be untrue. Nor was Mrs English misted as to the property of obtainled as to the prospects of obtain-ing permission, and her claim based on such misrepresentation

failed.

After the meeting on May 21, the plaintiffs' solicitors drew up a formal contract, and engrossments were ready by July 13. On July 14, a week before the exchange of contracts, Mr Harrington caused a

were entitled to retain out of the limitation fund a sum in respect of the whole or any part of the cargo claim, or to have the whole or any part of it taken into account in the distribution of the

The answer to the first question-

In contrast, sections 2 and 3,

company employee to submit the planning application to Essex County Council showing the appli-cauts as Mr and Mrs English, and purported to sign it as their agent. The application was accompanied by a certificate in accordance with section 16 (1) (a) of the Act of 1962. If that form had not been used, a certificate in accordance with section 16 (1) (b) would have

had to be used certifying that the requisite notice had been given to the plaintiffs. In September, 1971. Mrs English asked that the contract be cancelled, saying that her husband was too ill to move. Mr Harrington refused, but would defer completion date, which was eventually arranged for December 9, 1971. Outline planning permission was granted on October 20, but the plaintiffs were not informed. His Lordship accepted Mrs Eng-

His Lordship accepted Mrs English's evidence that, had she known that permission had been granted, that permission had been granted, she would not have completed the transaction without complaint. She did not learn that a house was to be built on the plot until January or February, 1972. Planning permission for development of the whole site was subsequently obtained after an appeal to the minister and it was clear that the com-

profitable. His Lordship rejected the claims based on allegations of fraud, fraudulent misrepresentation or breach of an implied contract which, it was contended, must be deemed to have arisen from the

which, it was contended, must be deemed to have arisen from the company having placed itself in the position of self-appointed agent. Any such implied contract must have been founded on implied mutual consent of the parties interested, but that was, ex hypothesi, lacking here.

The contention that the company in the circumstances was accountable in equity since, by putting itself in the position of self-appointed agent, it had created a fiduciary relationship imposing a duty of disclosure, was of much greater substance. His Lordship referred, inter alia, to the judgment of Lord Depuing in Phipps v Boardman ([1965] Ch 992), and concluded that the question of liability must depend on the view the court took of the relationship between the parties at the date when the planning application was made. Had the plaintiffs known of of the application they could have adopted it and told the self-appointed agent to have nothing more to do with it.

A court of equity should not allow the company to be in a better position than that in which it would have found itself if, before exchange of contracts, it or its employee had informed the plaintiffs of the application made in their names. The categories of

or its employee had informed the plaintiffs of the application made in their names. The categories of fiduciary relationship should not be regarded as falling into a limited number of straitjackets, or being necessarily closed.

While there was force in the submission that the mere making of a planning application could not give rise to such a relationship where none would otherwise have existed, his Lordship was not convinced by it.

Where during negotiations for

have existed, his Lordship was not convinced by it.

Where during negotiations for sale, the proposed purchaser in the name of, and purporting to act on behalf of, the vendor, but without his consent or authority took some action in regard to the property, whether the making of a planning application or a contract for sale or anything else, which if disclosed to the vendor might reasonably be supposed to be likely to influence him in deciding whether or not to conclude the contract, a fiduciary relationship arose. Such fiduciary relationship arose in the sense that there was a duty on the proposed purchaser to disclose, before conclusion of the contract, what he had done as the vendor's purported agent and correspondingly in the event of non-disclosure a duty to account for any profit made in the course of the purported agency, unless the vendor consented to his retaining it.

Here the vendors had never Here the vendors had never consented and the company must account for the profit made. Whether or not there was a jurisdiction to award damages, his Lordship felt it would not be an appropriate case in which to do so. An account of profits accruing from the non-disclosure and the subsequent grant of planning per-

subsequent grant of planning per-mission and an order for payment of all moneys found due would therefore be ordered. Damages were later agreed at

Solicitors: H. T. Bowles & Co. Manningtree; David Cohen & Goldsobel.

in relation to personal injuries or loss of life, provided that both or all the ships in fault were or an the states in rather were jointly and severally liable for the full amount of the damage or loss, with subsequent rights of contribution, if necessary, between

The kinds of property dealt the kinds of property dealt with in section 1 were (a) the ships in fault themselves; (b) the cargoes or other goods on board such ships; (c) and the freights of such ships. As to those kinds of property, the section provided that each ship in fault should be severally lizable in proportion to the degree of her proportion to the degree of her fault. So, if a collision occurred between ships A and B. both being at fault, and A was 30 per cent and B 70 per cent to blame, then, subject to proviso (c), A was severally liable for 30 per cent and B for 70 per cent of the damage or loss caused. There was damage or loss caused. There was no joint liability of both ships for the whole or any part of the damage or loss.

By the agreement of settlement between the two shipowners, the loss of the Motta cargo had to be loss of the Motta cargo had to be taken to have been caused by the equal fault of both ships. Therefore each ship would be liable under English law for 50 per cent of the loss unless protected by proviso (c), which stated that nothing in section 1 was to be construed as imposing any liability upon any person from which he was exempted by contract; and the owners of the Motta were exempted from liability for loss of cargo in the events that hed occurred. The result of the exemption, preserved by proviso (c), was that if the cargo owners had sued the owners of the Motta in England their claim would have failed and they would have recovered

If they had sued the owners of the Mermaid in England they would (subject to the statutory right of owners to limit their liaright of owners to limit their liability have recovered 50 per cent of their loss. That was because the Collision Convention and the 1911 Act adopted the pre-existing Admiralty rule—the Milau rule—that cargo was identified, so far as fault was concerned, with its carrying ship. That rule, which did not apply to persons on board a ship at fault, though much criticized, survived embalmed in the Brussels Collision Convention, 1910, and the domestic legislation of countries party to it.

of countries party to it.

The United States were not a party to the Convention and their party to the Convention and their maritime law on the liability of colliding ships for loss of, or damage to, cargo differed from that of England. Under United States law the Milan rule did not apply. Cargo was treated in the same way as a passenger carried in a ship at fault under English law, as an innocent party unaffected by such fault. So, where cargo was lost or damaged by a collision between ships A and B caused by the fault of both, both ships were (subject (a) to any statutory or the fault of both, both steps were (subject (a) to any statutory or contractual exemption or limitation of liability on which the carrying ship was entitled to rely and (b) to any statutory right of the non-carrying ship to limit ber liability) jointly and severally liable to the cargo owners for the whole amount of their damage or loss.

Such an important difference be-

Such an important difference be-tween United Kingdom and United States law led to much forum shopping. The present case was an example. The cargo owners elected to sue the owners of the Mermaid in the United States to recover from them alone in that country, if possible the whole amount of their loss. Their claim in the United States was originally for \$3,353,268 but was settled by the payment of \$2,485,880. In order to answer the first question, it was necessary to decide (1) whether the cargo claim

was loss or tamage to the Mer-maid for which the owners of the Motta would be liable under sec-tion 1 of the 1911 Act unless protected by proviso (c); and (2) if so, whether the owners of the Motta were protected by the pro-

The question was whether it made any difference that the claim of the cargo owners which the Mermald had paid off was not

made in England but in a non-Convention jurisdiction like the United States. Was the liability in English law of the Motta to the mermald (apart from the effect of proviso (c)) to be increased because the cargo owners had sued the Mermaid in the United States rather than in Eugland or in some Convention country?

His Lordship's conclusion was that, applying general principles to the problem, if the limitity of the Mermaid to cargo owners in the United States on the basis of the full amount of the loss instead of a half, was a reasonably fore-seeable consequence of the col-lision, then, even though such liability on such a basis could not have been enforced in England or any other Convention country, the Mermaid was entitled, subject always to proviso (c), to include it in their damage claim. The nature of United States law must be well known to all shipowners and the liability in question must be regarded as a reasonably foreseeable consequence of the collision. The cargo claim was damage or loss to the Mermaid for which the Motta would, apart from the effect, if any, of proviso (c), be 50 per cent liable under section 1 of the Act. Mermaid was entitled, subject

The owners of the Mermald contended that the exemption from The owners of the Mermaid contended that the exemption from liability did not protect the owners of the Motta from a claim over by them in respect of the cargo claim as part of their claim for damages in the collision action. The owners of the Motta contended that it did. His Lordship had no doubt that the Motta owners were correct. The terms of proviso (c) were wide enough, in their ordinary meaning, to preserve for a party a defence which he had to a claim, whether brought against him directly by the primary claimant who had suffered the damage or loss concerned, or indirectly by another party, also in fault, who had had to pay the primary claimant who had suffered the damage or loss and now asserted a right to recover over part of what he had paid; and so to construction was in accord with the policy of the Act. The effect of the proviso was to protect the owners of the Motta from liability on the cargo claim.

As to the second question, the

As to the second question, the owners of the Motta had not argued that the owners of the Mermaid were not entitled to have the cargo claim taken into account by way of credit in the distribution of their limitation fund. The dispute was rather to the amount of the notional claim against the fund in respect of which credit should be given. The owners of the Mermaid contended that the amount should be the sum paid by them in settlement in the United States. The owners of the Motta said that it should be the figure at which the cargo owners would have been entitled under English law if they had brought it against the limitation fund of the owners of the Mermaid in England. maid in England.

His Lordship had no hesitation in preferring the latter contention which appeared to be in accordance with both principle and authority. The Continuous in 1997. authority: The Crathie ([1897] P 178) and The Kronprinz Olav ([1921] P 52).

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It followed that while the owners of the Mermaid were entitled to be given credit in the distribution of their limitation fund in respect of the cargo claim, the amount to be allowed to them could not exceed the amount of the dividend which would have been receivable by the cargo owners from such fund if they had brought their claim against it, instead of enforcing payment in the United States. In calculating what the amount of such dividend what the amount of such dividend would have been, it was necessary to proceed on the basis that the cargo owners' right of recovery English law, and under that law they would only have been entitled to bring a claim against the fund for 50 per cent of their

Both questions having been decided in the manner contended for by the owners of the Motta, they were entitled to costs. Solicitors: Ince & Co; Milton

Queen's Bench Division

Hiring car for 25 weeks not unreasonable

Daily Office Cleaning Contrac-tors Ltd v Shefford Before Judge William Stabb. QC, sltting as deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division

[Judgment delivered April 20] The hiring by a company of a Jaguar for 25 weeks for a director's use while his American car, a Rambler Amhassador, was being repaired after a collision was not unreasonable in the circumstances. The long period for repair was mainly due to difficulties over soare parts.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs, the Dally Office Cleaning Contractors Lid, for £1,736, the cost of the hire, against the defendant, Mr Cecli Thomas! hefford, whose negligent driving had caused the accident. Mr Michael Harris for the com-pany; Mr Keith Topley for the defendant.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the only question was whether, in all the circumstances, the company had acted reasonably in incurring the hire charge of 575 a week for a Jaguar XJ6 as a substitute car for the 25 weeks it took to complete sufficient repairs to render the Rambler roadworthy.

The company provided for each of its 12 working directors a prestige car for the purpose of conducting the company's highly competitive business. Apart from the Rambler, the cars included Daimlers, Jagnars and Mercedes. The directors covered a large milage and it was necessary to have reliable and neestige cars. have reliable and prestige cars.

After the accident, in December, 1974, the Rambler was towed to a garage with whom the company had dealt for many years. The garage passed it on to coach builders for bodywork repairs. The garage also carried on a self-drive hire service. The company litred the Jaguar from them at a concessionary rate of 575 a week against the normal charge of 5100.

The coach builders did not succeed in getting the required spare parts until June, 1975. The Rambler was ready for use in that mouth and the biring of the Jaguar was terminated.

It was contended by the defendant that the Jaguar was unnecessarily expensive, that a medium range car would have sufficed, and that the company's conduct in hirlug the Jaguar was

The principle on which the

problem should be approached was set out in Magne and McGregor on Damages (12th ed. 1961, p 145, para 158), cited with approval by Lord Justice Davies in Moore v DER Ltd ([1971] WLR 1476, 1479): "Although the plaintiff must act with the defendant's as well as with his own interests in mind, he is only required to act reasonably, and the standard of reasonableness is not high in view of the fact that the defendant is an admitted wrongdoer. Lord Macmillan . . . in Banco de Partucal v Waterlov & Sons Ltd ([1932] AC 452, 506) said: ". . It is often easy after an emergency has passed to criticize the steps which have been taken to meet it, but such criticize the steps which have been taken to meet it, but such criticism does not come well from those who have themselves created the emergency. The law is satisfied if the party placed in a difficult situation by reason of the breach of a duty owed to him has acted reasonably in the adoption of remedial measures and he will not be disentitled to recover the cost of such measures merely because the party in breach can cost of such measures merely be-cause the party in breach can suggest that other measures less burdensome to him might have been taken....

On that basis there was no reason why the company should be required to shop around in order to hire for a lesser sum a car of a lower standard from car or a lower standard from some concern with whom the company did not normally deal. They were entitled to here the Jaguar as being a car of comparable prestige status to that of the Rambler, particularly because they were only being called upon as old customers to pay 175 a week instead of 100.

The defendant further contended that the company had acted un-reasonably in allowing such a delay in delivery of the spare parts. His Lordship took the view that in placing the repair job in reputable hands and there-after pressing the repairers to hasten the completion of the the company had done all that was reasonably required of them. Equally he was satisfied that the coach builders had acted reason-

In the result, although the length and cost of the hire of the substitute car at first sight seemed inordinately great, it had not been shown that the company been umreasonable. were the victims of circumstances for which they were not to blame. Solicitors: Horne, Engall & Freeman, Egham; A. D. Vandamm & Co.

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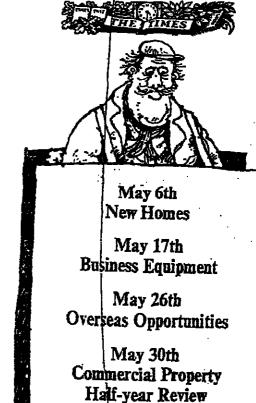
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PRE-REGISTRATION FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE TEMPERING ON CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR THESWAZILAND PROJECT FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SECOND PROGRAM

The Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland has negotiated a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to assist a program of development in Secondary Education. The program will include the construction of new schools and expansion of existing schools togener with teachers housing at estimated costs totalling JSS4.8 million at complement.

Subject to approval o the loan by IBRD, construction is scheduled to begin during 1977 and to continue through 1979. Companies from member countries of the IBRD and Switzerland interested in participating in the proposed tenders are invited to apply for registration in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the form for registration which may be obtained from the address below.

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Companies aiready registered with SPED for the IDA Education Project do not need to re-register. Inquiries should be received it Swaziland by May 31, 1977.

M. J. Shanahan, RIBA, ACA, The Project Director, Swariland Project for Educational Develop, PO Box 1198, Mbabane, Swaziland, Telephone Mbabane 3305, Telegraph SPEDCABLE.

KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND

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International tenders are invited for the construction and handing over in a turnkey state of a natural gas liquefaction plant with a production capacity of 105,000 million thermal units per year at Skikda.

The project includes:

- Design engineering and preparation of construction
- Supply of materials.
- The construction of production plant, storage and despatch facilities, provision of services, buildings and
- Commissioning of plant.

Training of personnel.

Tender specifications may be obtained only by companies known internationally as constructors of gas liquefaction or similar plant against payment of DA1000 and production of references, as from 25 March, 1977, from SONATRACH, Projet GNL-EST Skikda-Zone Industrielle, Tel. 95—57—40.

Bids should be sent before 15 August, 1977, to Monsieur le Vice President Engineering & Développement SONATRACH, 10, Rue du Sahara, Hydra, Algiers.

They should be placed in two envelopes, the inner one of which should be marked "OFFRE GNL-EST-SOUMISSION—CONFIDENTIELLE—NE PAS OUVRIR".

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR **PREOUALIFICATION**

Tenders will be invited during August 1977 for the construction of a major asphalt paved trunk road of approximately 250 km. length along the Blue Nile from Sennar to Omnazin, and a sy km. orance rosa to Geraou, in The Democratic Republic of The Sudan. The work will be financed by the Government of The Sudan and a loan provided jointly by The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and the Kowait Fund for Arab

The Roads and Bridges Public Corporation requests international road construction contractors who may be interested in the execution of these works to furnish the information required on the "Contractor Prequalification Data Sheer" which may be obtained through the offices of the Consultants to the Corporation. Contractors who in the opinion of The Roads and Bridges Public Corporation are qualified to undertake work of such magnitude will subsequently be invited to collect tender documents during August 1977 for submission of tenders at the end of October 1977. The construction works include asphaltic concrete paving, bridges, miscellaneous structures, and other incidental works. The Roads and Bridges Public Corporation requests

Prequalification Data from interested contractors must be received by the Director General. Roads and Bridges Public Corporation, P.O. Box 756, Khartoum, Sudan—not later than 30 June 1977.

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KULEKHANI HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT, NEPAL

TENDER NOTICE

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Sealed tenders are invited from the experienced parties for the design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of the following:-

- (a) Radial gates, roller gates, slide gates and sand flush gates.
- (b) Butterfly valve and hollow jet valve.
- (c) Penstock of 1340 m. in length.

Tender documents can be obtained from this office or Nippon Koei's Head Office on payment of US\$60 per set from 25th April to 8th July, 1977. Tender should reach this office before 13.00 hours of July 10, 1977 and will be opened on the same day at 14.00 hours in presence of tenderers or their authorised representative. Address:

- Kulekhani Hydro-electric Development Board, His Majesty's Government of Nepal, Babar Mahal, Kathmandu, Nepal. Cable Address: KHEP, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Nippon Koei Co. Ltd., 1-11, Uchisaiwai-cho, 2-chome, chiyodaku, Tokyo, Japan.

NOTICE

JORDAN ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY **HUSSEIN THERMAL POWER STATION** 2-66 MW UNITS NOS. 4 & 5 STAGE 3

The Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) has applied to Arab Funds (Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development; The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and the Saudi Fund for Development) for financing the installation of two 66 MW Steam Turbine-Generating units and all required auxiliaries which are expected to be commercially operable on 1 November 1980 (Unit No. 4) and 1 May 1981 (Unit No. 5).

Stage I of the project is presently very near its completion and consists of a two 33 MW unit installation to be operational

Stage II of the project is presently very near its completion and consists of a two 55 keV unit installation to be operational by 15 Stage II of the project is presently being implemented and consists of a 32 MW unit installation to be operational by 15 August 1978.

Stage III of the project consists of extending the facilities under construction to include necessary civil works and electromechanical equipment required for the new two 56 MW Steam Unit Installation.

In general the works under this Stage III shall consist of the following:

(a) The manufacture, supply, fabrication, transportation, installation and testing of all mechanical equipment for the BOILER HOUSE SIDE of the installation including the boilers, all associated pumps, control equipment and necessary piping, and storage tanks.

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(b) The manufacture, supply, fabrication, transportation, installation and testing of all mechanical equipment for the TURBINE ROOM SIDE of the installation including turbo-generators, all associated pumps, control equipment and necessary piping. Included also, is the manufacture, supply, fabrication, transportation, installation and testing of AIR-COOLED CONDENSERS including all auxiliary fans and necessary piping.

(c) The manufacture, supply, fabrication, transportation, installation and testing of all necessary electrical equipment, including transformers, switchgear, control centres, wiring, conduit, trays, lighting fixtures, intercommunication equipment, muscellaneous starters and switches, etc.

(d) The manufacture, supply, fabrication, transportation, installation and testing of all required equipment and materials for a reinforced concrete extension to the power house and the auxiliary boiler house. In addition, required also will be foundations for the building and equipment, all hardware, plumbing air conditioning and ventilating facilities, roadwork, excavation and grading.

Bidding Documents will be available on 2 May 1977, for a non-returnable fee of \$500.00 US Dollars (167 Jordan Dinars) payable to The Kuljian Corporation or to The Jordan Electricity Authority.

Bidders who are interested in receiving documents should write to the Engineer (Kuljian) or to the JEA at the addresses

given below:

DIRECTOR GENERAL, JORDAN ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY, POST OFFICE BOX 2310, AMMAN, JORDAN.

THE KULJIAN CORPORATION, 3624 SCIENCE CENTER, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19104 U.S.A., ATTENTION; MR. E. H. MCLATCHY

Bids will be due on 1 August, 1977. The Bid date of 1 August, 1977, will be held firm and NO extensions will be granted. One set of bidding documents will be available at the above listed addresses for reference by the interested bidders prior

KULEKHANI HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT

TENDER NOTICE 033/34-6

Sealed tenders are invited from the experienced parties for the supply, delivery, erection, testing and commissioning of three sets of 750 KW diesel generating sets required for power supply for the construction of the Project.

Tender documents can be obtained from this office on payment of US\$33 per set from April 8 to June 7, 1977.

Tenders should reach this office before 13.00 hours on June 8, 1977, and will be opened on the same day at 14.00 hours in the presence of tenderers or their authorized representative.

Office:

Kulekhani Hydro-electric Development Board His Majesty's Go remment of Nepal Babar Mahal, Kat hmandu, Nepal

Cable Address: KHEP, Kathm andu, Nepal

INTERCONEXION ELECTRICA S.A. **BOGOTA-COLOMBIA**

REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTING FIRMS

Interconexion Electrica S.A. hereby announces to the firms which have not yet submitted registration documents to participate in the bid corresponding to the supply and erection of materials and equipment for the 500kV transmission line interconnecting the ISA's central system with the Corelca's Caribbean coast zone of the country, that the period for submission of such documents has been extended to June 1st, 1977.

According to the Colombian law, decreto 150 of 1976, article 32, contracting can only be performed by firms previously registered, classified and qualified.

Interconexion Electrica S.A. intend to call for bids for the supply of materials and construction of the transmission line in April 1977.

Registration documents must be submitted to: Interconexion Electrica, S.A., Calle 37 No 8-43, 7th Floor, Bogota, Colombia.

On April 21, 1967, a handful of the disgruntled right-wing Greek army officers seized extremists, disillusioned induspower by coup on the assumption that they could run the country better and more efficiently than the politicians. It took them seven years to learn how wrong they were and, con-fronted with the risk of war with Turkey, they gave up. Today most of them are serv-ing long terms of imprison-

How far bas this experience sobered Greece's militarists? In fact, is a military coup still possible in Greece ten years later?

Premier Constantine Karamanlis, the man who takes the tredit for extricating Greece from the dictatorial quagmire, likes to say that out of some 150 countries in the world today, only 19 have genuine democracy. In principle, theredemocracy. In principle, there-fore, dictatorial coups are still

possible anywhere in the world, given, of course, the appropriate circumstances.

What makes the outlook for democracy in Greece so much brighter today is the lack of uch circumstances. In 1967 the dictatorship was eased in by a discredited parliamentary system, endless political demaogy and corruption, and an idle army that was practically free from political control.

Things are now altogether different. Within the last three years Greek political life—its has been drastically reformed.
For all the daily strikes and social effervescence, the country's economy is better off than one would have expected. And the Greek armed forces are too preoccupied with the possibility of an external threat to the nation to have any spare time for politicizing. Above all, the climate in the West is different. Both Europe and the United States are less and the United States are less prepared to tolerate a dictator-

hip in Greece today than they

who might even consider sup-porting a coup. There are those who lost their jobs because of the collapse of the junta. They are the most dan-the Greeks still are. It is a gerous. They are the most tangerous and police officers, the former ministers and state functionaries, and they are under surveillance. But there are also among these Greeks

The Greeks still are. If is a sensitivity that borders on vigurance and this is seen by Greek political leaders as a guarantee for the future.

Mario Modiano

trialists, and even some rabid

Some of these are known to gather and discuss from time to time half-baked plans for future coups or political assassinations. But as long as their lifelines to the army, the police, and the state machine are cut, they are powerless.

Dictatorial sympathizers have survived also within the army and the security forces. There, the need to preserve their effectiveness in case of war overrode the urge to cleanse the officers corps of all un-democratic elements. But they have been warned and they are not likely to take the risk to be suspected of conspiring.

General Dionysios Arbouzis, who was made commander-in-chief after the junta's collapse with the task of reorganizing the armed forces, said this week he did not believe another military coup was pos-sible now. He told an inter-viewer: "The experience gained by the officers (during the dictatorship) was so birter. the dictatorship) was so birter, that at least for one genera-

tion, I can see no recurrence (of coups)".

The leaders of the Greek Government seem confident that one of the best guarantees against coups is that the Government has the full loyalty of the military leadership. They firmly believe that the colonels' coup of 1967 could not have succeeded had it failed to secure the consent of the then chief of staff, Neral Spandidakis.

The Government has taken adequate precautions to keep the armed forces under full political control, and much of the credit for this goes to Mr Evanghelos Averoff, the Defence Minister, whose shrewd manoeuvring, needed in order to consolidate this control, made him the bete noire of

were ten years ago.

No one here doubts that there are Greeks who feel nostalgic about the dictatorship or might even consider supported in advance each time.

Mario Modiano

As Britain's most influential union leader retires

What kind of legacy can the Jones boys expect?

The announcement elected successor to Mr lack Jones at the helm of Britain's argest trade union marks the eginning of the end of an era that legitimized the power of organized labour. More than any other postwar union leader. the general secentary of the Transport and General Workers' Union has become identified in the public mind with a quasi-governmental function. His name is associated as much with running the nation's affairs as it is with running the multi-million workers' enterprise based at Transport House. Is he to be judged a success or a failure? And to what extent will his policies continue to hold sway under the new leader? These are not peripheral questions; the first asks something about the way British society has changed during Mr Jones's decade of office, and the second has a lot

get, his achievement in the a profound influence over the field of public policy must be conduct of government. That accounted immense. After In is not to echo the sentiment Place of Strife and the defeat that "the unions are running Jones has failed, thus far, at least. His long campaign to of the Wilson government he keep Britain out of the European Economic Community, starting in the councils of the TUC and ending on the same hustings as Mr Enoch Powell at the time of the referendum, did not succeed.

Atter In Place of Strife and the defeat of the Wilson government he gave political reality to what had hitherto been a rather shadowy electoral concept: the social contract.

Stimulated by the impact of the Heath government's polities on pay industrial relations

cies on pay, industrial relations and industry, he reinvigorated the traditional links between the unions and the Labour Party. While fighting the Conservative government on one front, in another he was sedulously laying the foundations for agreement when the politi-cal wing of the labour movement got back into office. By the time the concerted on-slaught of the miners and the TUC had brought the Tories to a point where they practi-cally could not govern, the Jones-TUC-Wilson axis already had a programme in draft that an electorate dazed by seem-

ingly endless confrontation found beguiling. Under the social contract, which Mr Jones is now busy (and probably too late) insist-If he has failed in these two ing is quite separate from pay areas to achieve what he set our policy, the unions has exercised

the country". They are not, nor have they sought to. But they have successfully insisted on being consulted on a wide range of policies, from labour

legislation to pensions

The degree to which that consultation has been effective is the measure of Jack Jones's achievement; and the diminishing returns that the TUC is now getting from the Government are the scale of the challenge facing his successor.

The social contract is coming uader pressure from both sides : from the Government's refusal to adopt the mildly reflationary policy ourlined in the TUC's annual Economic Review and subsequent policy statements; and from the rank-and-file who are more restive about pay than they have been for two years. These are factors that will

bear heavily on the changeover of leaders. Mr Evans will be working alongside Mr. Jones for the next year, though he will play a more important role after the TGWU biennial conference in July. The views of

speaking, on the chief issues of the day-backing for TUC policy of an orderly return to free collective bargaining; sup-port for the Labour Govern-ment, and for the liaison machinery with its leaders. There will be no sudden rupture in policy, but Mr Jones cannot be-queath his personal authority to his successor, and Mr Evans's rivals will be looking for a more collective style of leader-

ship at Transport House. . Whether it will be forthcoming is another matter. Mr Evans has won a convincing majority over the other candidates; not as big as that accorded to Mr Jones, it is true, but large enough not to feel vulnerable to pressure for a change of course. His supporters expect continuity, and they will get it, provided the social contract does not fall apart over wages. Mr Jones has no choice in the timing of his leaving; that is dictated by the rule book. He could have wished for a better time, because the coming period is of critical importance for the survival of all that he has fought

They know that neither move-

ment—dissident or emigrant—will die away naturally, and that a return to the full Stalinist terror would hugely

increase the strength of both.

They can expel a few of the more intractable dissidents like

Solzhenitsyn and Bukovsky

(and eventually, no doubt, Sal-harov); they can use the apparatus of repression, from

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and psychiatric-prisons; but they know that the powder-

train is laid, and cannot now be

swept up, and they rightly fear to play with matches in its

Paul Routledge

The Tories must not put all their faith in Mr Heath

often told. But there are some enmities that run so deep as to make impossible the necessary degree of practical cooperation. So it was with Mr Heath and Mr Powell, a personal animus that went beyond mere differences on policy. So it seems likely to be with Mrs Thatcher and Mr Heath. There has been a renewed flurry of speculation in recent weeks about the chances of his return to the fold, for a very obvious reason. As the prospect of a Conservative government comes closer, so it is evident that the qualities he would bring—weight and breadth— are not in plentiful supply within the present Shadow

But it would, I believe be an illusion for the Conservatives to depend upon Mr Heath to provide those qualities—and possibly a dangerous illusion, too. When I heard him tell the Conservative Party conference last October that he had com-plete confidence that difficult plete confidence that difficult decisions in the national interest "would be taken by Margaret Thatcher and her colleagues on the platform" I thought this meant, even though the words had almost seemed to stick in his throat, that while he would not return to the Shadow Cabinet he was ready to serve under her in a future Conservative govern-

I no longer believe it is as simple as that. He is too big a man to serve happily in an administration to which he does not give his full-hearted consent, and still too bitter to give such consent to a Thatcher administration. Never to say "never" is a good rule for political commentators as well as politicians. His mood might change, in which case his presence would be a major asset. But unless it does he would put at risk the cohesion of a future Conservative government if he were to be

offered and accepted a place.
Yet such a conclusion should be the beginning not the end of the argument. If Mr Heath is not by his presence to cor-rect any excessive bias to the right, to ensure that a Thatcher administration would be broad-based in its outlook and appeal, how is that to be

There is no other individual whose inclusion would have the same effect. Mr Peter Walker has set himself up as a tribune of the Tory left, and it would certainly be a pay if a place were not found for him in a Conservative Cabinet. But his return would not be regarded by the general public in the same light. The test will not be any single appointment but the balance of appointments to senior posts and no less important, the general tone struck by leading Conservatives and especially by Mrs

Thatcher herself. Those Conservatives who see the task of the next govern-ment in a more crusading light will dispute the need for such close regard to balance. If the aim is to change the course of direction followed by all postwar administrations, roll back the frontiers of the state and to proclaim a new public philosophy, would it not be better to have a Cabinet who believe in these objectives without equiv ocation or qualification?

That position is logica enough, but there are reason both of electoral calculation and of prudent government fo the Conservatives to seek broader approach. The reaso broader approach. The reason of electoral calculation and both particular and general. The particular reason is the Lib-Lab pact. This has put on the market, as it were, the voters who went Liberal rather than Conservative in 1974, but might thereby help to sustaid a Labour government in offic.
Conservative prospects vill be all the better, especially but not only in seats where the

who never imagined that they Liberals came second last tine. if they can capture a god many of those moderally right-wing Liberals. That is why there is increasing ressure from some Conservitive Mi's who believe the from the conservitive many them. Lady approach should be nined



The general reas for all the public heavy buresucracy and high cies of the radica sight. The British electorate have a pow-erful instinct for the soft option and a quet life. They certainly want less bureaucracy and lower taxes, but they also seem to crave sability of the status quo: Change is acceptable, but not busher disruption or uncertain adventures.

But it is not only in order to win the election that it will be in the Conservative interest to present a bread appeal. The scope for manoeuvre of a ment is bound to be more restricted then such of their rhetoric would low suggest. It is no simple matter for any administration suddenly to change the nation's course of direction. Fur it is evident from their own analysis that they will wish to cut public spending more than the present of switch still further from direct the indirect than the front direct the indirect transition. from direct to indirect taxa-

No netter how desirable these chages may be, and no matter low much general sup-port thee may be for them in principle they cannot be achieved without some discomfort. And an incoming Conservative government will find it much easier to bring them about it is not thought to be induling in an ideological

The right-wing is bound to have an important role to play.

Must of the new thinking in the party has come from it. The new emphasis on monetary regraint, which is now generaccepted, is quite largely doing. But there is not much of a danger that the rightng will be under-represented a Thatcher administration. hose who are concerned that should be properly balanced eed to throw their weight on he other side of the scales: To some extent this might be left to the pressure of events. Once in office the Tory sense of self-preservation tends to bring to the fore those who are deemed to be moderate and practical. But the early months of a new Conservative Government will be a critical time in the history of British politics. What happens then will go far to determine whether the Conservatives con an unacceptable degree of tension. An administration that appeared to be dominated by the Tory right would not be best qualified to win public

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bound to be uncomfortable. That is true as a general proposition, but it will have especial force for the Conservatives next time as they seek to men to apply their own version of, or substitute for, an incomes policy. The ideas they are now developing will depend for their effectiveness very much on the goodwill of the unions and the public. But that is a subject in itself which will be considered in another article next

support for policies that are

Geoffrey Smith

Bernard Levin

Time the West set a match to the Soviet powder train

A recent article in an American to become Israeli immigrants, Jewish magazine, concerning the problems of the Soviet Jews in danger (as every who want to get out of "their" Soviet Jew is), even at the cost of seeing them go to countries of the disabilities, discovery bas raised for me a of seeing them go to countries of the strive to deny their Jewish country is one of the best indications of its degree of free dom; if the right does not that goes with it, or the exceptional country is one of the best indications of its degree of free dom; if the right does not that goes with it, or the exceptional country is one of the best indications of its degree of free dom; if the right does not that goes with it, or the exceptional country is one of the best indications of its degree of free dom; if the right does not that goes with it, or the exceptional country is one of the best indications of its degree of free dom; if the right does not that goes with it, or the exceptional country is one of the best indications of its degree of free dom; if the right does not that goes with it, or the exceptional country is one of the best indications of its degree of free dom; if the right does not that goes with it, or the exceptional country is one of the best indications of its degree of free dom; if the right does not the part of the tyrants.

For what are they to do? They know that neither move-A recent article in an American to become Israeli immigrants, often strive to deny their Jewish country is one of the best indi- Jewish fellow-citizens to help shape of increasing anxiety, at number of questions, some of them not touched upon in the article at all, which I think are worth examining. The writer, Paul Jacobs, is largely concerned with the question of whether Jews who want to escape from the Soviet Union should be compelled to say that they want to go to Israel, and whether they should in fact be obliged, or at any rate strongly encouraged, to do so if they are

The problem starts in Russia, of course, in that a Jew applying for permission to leave is very unlikely indeed to get it if he gives any reason other than a feeling of religious and national affiliation with Israel. And nobody could seriously blame those who, given a chance to get out of the Soviet hellhouse by saying that much, and with the strength and courage to go through the interminable process of harassment and vili-fication, or worse, that automatically follows any such application, profess a conviction they do not in bruth have, and state as their intended destination a country in which they do not in truth wish to live.

that state of affairs I shall come few years ago Soviet citizens to in a moment, but first there of Jewish descent (the fact of is the other end of the narrower question to be considered. Israel in a document—equivalent to is in a peculiar difficulty, in the South African racial " pass " question to be considered. Israel that although she obviously —that Soviet citizens are wants Soviet-Jewish emigrants obliged to carry) would very

For the well-dressed man about the beach and sun-deck, enjoy-ing his leisure hours is be-coming increasingly hard work.

A fashion show staged at

Harrods yesterday, to open a

new section of the shop devoted to leisure wear for men, sug-

An early morning visit to the beach in mini-slip shorts

and towelling robe would be followed by a dry in a luxury wrap of engineered velour, a

jog in drawstring trousers and

hooded sweatshirt, and a stroll

in a showerproof blouson or

Shetland sweater with epaul-

erres and sleeve pockets. One would have to change again for

The Times Diary

Leisure? More like hard work

gested that the lazy life would involve so many changes that the properly dressed playboy would only feel completely relaxed if he carried a large suitcase about with him all day.

An early morning visit 70

other than Israel. But the proportion of Russian-Jewish grants who choose Israel has steadily fallen since 1973, when the Soviet Union first allowed emigration on any serious scale, beginning of the exodus, more than 90 per cent went to Israel, but by late 1976 the proportion was well below half. And these figures have inevitably raised in the minds of the Israelis the fear that the Russians may ar any moment say that, since practically all of the emigrants claim affiliation to Zionism or Judaism as their reason for going, the figures show (as in-deed they undoubtedly do) that many are using that claim as no more than a pretext; and this in turn may be used by the Soviet authorities as an excuse for further restricting the emigration, or even stopping it entirely.

This is a serious dilemma, and it has by no means been satisfactorily settled: But it brings me to the wider implications, outside the scope of the article that started me off.

One startling and bitterly ironic fact indicates the nature The wider implications of of the question, Until a very such origin has to be recorded

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keen to step aboard this tread-

nrill of sartorial extravagance.

They played up to the occasion

by turning out in their own selection of informal garments

swited ranks of under-managers, who had obviously been in-

structed to regard this as an

For the most part they looked

at ease among the sober-

in light and bright colours.

criminations and dangers that they faced with such a brand upon them. Since the Soviet crack, however, not only have many Jews insisted on retaining or regaining their Jewish classification; others with only the most tenuous claim to Jewish blood have been trying to get themselves officially classified as Jews, which prob ably represents the only instance in all human history of people who are not members of a persecuted minority clamouring to be regarded as

belonging to it. For, of course, when emigration began it was not only Soviet Jews who saw a hope of getting to freedom. It would be interesting to know-ir would, indeed, be interesting to be in a position to make even the most approxi-

to do with the way our economy shapes up. Whatever admini-stration is in Downing Street when Mr Moss Evans takes

over, it will have to treat with

an institutionalized power that has successfully circumscribed the limits of parliamentary gov-

By two obvious tests, Mr

His other pet ambition-

industrial democracy - now appears to have produced a still-

born infant in the shape of the Bullock Report. The obloquy that its recommendation for

trade union worker directors in

industry attracted may not have come as a surprise; less pre-

dictable was the Labour Govern-

ment's deep reluctance to legis-late on the proposals put for-ward by the Bullock Committee

majority. Without a parliamen-tary majority, of course, the Callaghan administration cannot

legislate on the lines advocated

by the TUC. But even before

the loss of his majority, it was clear that the Prime Minister

was not sold on the idea of

extending worker power into

erament

not succeed.

Soviet citizens, given the oppor-tunity, would "vote with their feet" against the delights of communism; the elaborate and murderous precautions taken along the borders of the Soviet empire to prevent any citizen getting out, together with the almost invariable requirement that even trusted party faith-fuls, going abroad on state business, must leave behind mem-bers of their families as hostages, suggest that the rulers of Russia are at any rate not wholly convinced that the number would be small. Now the right to leave a

if the right does exist-it operates in Yugoslavia, for instance, to a very substantial extent, but Yugoslavia is certainly not a free country. But it is a neces-sary, even if not a sufficient, criterion of freedom.) And it is consequently unfortunate that the emigrant movement in the Soviet Union has been confined very largely to Jews, together with, more recently, a small but not altogether insignificant number of Soviet citizens of German It is easy enough to see why

has happened as it has. Not only are Soviet Jews an easily identifiable group, but they were for long the only people who could offer a plausible reason for wanting to go other than that they wanted to get out and be free.

All the same, none of the Soviet Jews with whom I have been in touch, inside or outside their nation-prison, have ever suggested that only lews should my part, I have always stressed the right of any Soviet citizen to leave if he or she wishes, and the proof of tyranny that the refusal to let them do so provides. And I wish that there statements of western leaders and commentators, on that crucial principle. As it is, there may be millions of Soviet citizens (there could hardly be fewer) without

become active in the dissident movement, but who yearn to that they do not do so. No doubt very stern politico-moralists would tell them that their duty is to stay where they are and help to make the Soviet Union free; but who can hold a fire in his hand by thinking on the frosty Caucasus? (And we should remember, from the fate of those Jews who have been chosen as victims of the Soviet fear of encouraging others, what fortitude the mere application to leave entails. Staying or going, the Soviet citizen who knows the truth

about his country has a hard

time of it.) Cannot the West now begin to put more pressure on the Soviet Union by beginning to insist that all those who wish to leave the stifling confines of her empire should be allowed to do so? A few wretched con-cessions about "divided fami-lies" being allowed to unite outside were made in the Helsinki Agreement, but the rulers of the Soviet Union have made t plain that they have no intention of keeping its provisions. Yet there is much evidence that outside and inside pressure on behalf of Jewish emigrants and the dissident movement are slowly baving an effect. The effect does not take the direct form of genuine concessions; it

Now, surely, is the time for an initiative in the West to brand the communist states as tyrannies on that one test alone, and challenge them to deny it by passing the test. It would need a concomitant pro-mise on the part of the West to accept substantial numbers of such immigrants, but that, too, could be forthcoming with careful preparation. But there are enormous advantages for freedom in making the chal-lenge. Strange and unpredict-able though the response of the Soviet tyrants to outside public opinion may be, it exists; and how would they

vicinity.

like to be told, day after day, that in that most crucial measurement of freedom, they are less free than South Africa? C Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977 down.

el trust my mife implicitly - you can't book a



sleazy, au pair image of lan-guage schools". Hence the move to the eighteeath-century house where Taileyrand once lived. Hence, too, the appearance of Harold Macmillan, one John Haycraft, MA (Oxon), of the least sleazy people I who runs it, told me: "We know, to perform the opening

Macmillan, speaking without notes, began: "This is a very happy occasion for me and I'm bound to say rather a startling one. Not very lont ago I was playing bridge in this

"I'm so old", he went on, "that I only remember i my school days the teaching of dead languages." (He i 83.) The other star guest wa Paco Pena, a flamenco gutarist, whose short recital was introduced by Brita Haycras, the founder's wife and business partner. She said that in 1953, when the school was fourfied in Corduba, Pena was " strumming in the old streets of Anjalusia and taking English classes with

The school has nuperous branches today throughout the world. The fact that k can afford its expensive hayfair property, as well as the large and lavishly catered inaugural party, indicates that telching English to foreigners s big business indeed.

Old bag

I am in a snot of bother over stringougs. Last week my re-porter wrote that Waker Sum-ner, a Chelsea pensioner, had-been flying in one, thinking that a stringbag was any old First World War biplane with bits of string holding the wings to-gether. Having had his ideas

State Record Office brushed up by Commander Charles Lamb, DSO, DSC, be now knows that a stringbag is a Swordfish, and nothing else. Lamb, who has already written the official history of the Swordfish, has just produced another back. War in A Stringbag, which relates his extensive warrime experience in the aircraft. To mark the publication, Lamb held a party on HMS Beliast on Wednesday night, attended by enough naval top brass to sink the Grand Fleet. The highlight was a flypast by the only surviving operational Swordfish, from the mayal air station at Yeovilton coming round the tower of Tower Bridge and making several passes at low level to show its remarkable manoeuvrability.

The Swordfish, stready oldfashioned when the Second World War began, was the only British aircraft flying operationally at the beginning of the war which was still flying against the enemy at the end.

Stourbridge Lawn Tennis Club have notified members: "Friday Evening Tennis will commence on Friday, 22nd April and various grades will be organised. The first of the sessions will be held on Saturday, 23rd April Descimable day, 23rd April". Presumably for latecomers who have not

lunchtime drinks, again for lunch itself, and yet again for afternoon beachwear. Finally black and white silks for cocktails, dress for dinner, and change finally into a silk kaftan.

ordinary working day. Robert Midgley, the chairman and managing director, was wearing a blue-grey blazer with a broad white stripe (£34) and coto go to bed, too exhausted to ordinated trousers (£12.75), but his sleeves looked uncomfortcnioy it properly.

The Harrods directors, none the less, showed themselves bis sleeves looked uncomfort of finite energy resources.

The Harrods directors, none ably short and exposed rather the less, showed themselves severe looking cuffs and links. English Speaking Union, where

"He has cheated really", complained an underling. "He was supposed to wear a polo neck, not collar and tie." Other directors had been less craven. Midgley's assistant managing director sported a dark safari suit (£44.50) with a "I have difficulty getting casual things to hide my figure", he confided, "but these are all our own things. We have bought them for our-

The merchandizing director, in a Californian soft pink peach suit (£86), polo neck and shark's tooth necklace confirmed that this was so. Leisure is very important to modern man", he declared. "You need to strip off and start again once in a while."

selves, not just borrowed them."

Moronic

President Carter may or may not be glad to know that his warning to Americans about their profligate use of energy is endorsed by Richard Scorer, Professor of Theoretical Mathematics at Imperial College, London Scorer is encouraged by the President's warning of catastrophe unless we are prepared to reduce our standard of life, to cut our consumption of finite energy resources.

he was introducing his book, The Clever Moron. The book, according to its pretty cover, challenges bureaucrats and mindless scientists who fail to allow in their plans for forces of evolution, and bitterly criticizes hasty technological adcherry red polo neck sweater vances which by their very and a silver tag on a necklace. success destroy the environ-Having been writing about

either the incentive of their

doomwatchers for the best part of four and a half years, regard myself as something of a connoisseur of the genre, and was dismayed to find that the tall and muscular Scorer fits into none of the recognized categories. He does not follow view that technology has the answer to all mankind's conccivable future difficulties, Noc does he subscribe to the theory, put forward most notably by the Club of Rome, that doom

is inevitable.

"I see no point in pessimism", he said. He puts his faith in human resources, in the ability of people to adapt to changed conditions.

In a key passage in his book, he writes: "A clever race has made itself moronic and dull. It has adulated becomes flabby. Our age is epitomized by the radio receiver.

We are the receivers of sensual experiences through our machines. We operate machines

and call it work: we receive money which we spend to re-ceive our purchases. We are stolen from posterity. And what could be more despicable than stealing from children? Our gigantic spree will leave them an empty storehouse." Thus he tends towards the

Club of Rome viewpoint, but without the ultimate pessimism. I suppose he is a latter-day Luddite. Certainly he would not have approved of the leisure-wear fiests described in an earlier item. And, as I say. I am not sure whether President Carter will welcome his support.

Unsleazy

The last time I wrote about a school for teaching English to foreigners, I implied (and some readers inferred) that the school in question was not among the country's leading academic institutions: English International, which vesterday moved into plush new headquarters at the old St James's Club in Piccadilly, is most anxious to convince us that it which I wrote. Indeed, it quotes the aforementioned Diary item to support its case.

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TIMES

CARTER'S PLAN FOR ENERGY

Few statements that President Carter is likely to make during his term of office will have the fundamental importance of the energy programme which he unveiled on Wednesday night. The gross energy imbalance in the United States is by far the greatest single factor threatening the industrial and economic development of the world economy as a whole. On anything like present trends of energy, production and demand, the non-oil producing developing countries of the world would effectively be bankrupt by being priced out of the oil market by 1985. By the middle of the 1990s, the industrial countries them-selves would be fighting desperately for limited crude resources. At present the United States imports over 40 per cent of its total crude oil requirements. This net demand has been the main factor in creating the monopoly supply power of Opec, with all the political and financial consequences that have flowed from

The rest of the world, therefore, has the highest interest in future development of American energy policy. The United States has traditionally based its economic and social policies on cheap energy. Following the violent oil price rises since October, 1973, the gap between United States energy prices and those prevailing in the rest of the world has been so great as to constitute a major industrial distortion.

For all these reasons President Carter's comprehensive and radical approach to the whole problem must be generally welcomed. In marked contrast to President Nixon's attempt to face the same problem, through the much publicized Project Independence which turned into a wholly ineffective public relations exercise without any substance, the Carter energy policy has all the marks of facing the issues squarely.

The difficulties that stand in his way are huge. The energy balance can only be shifted by voluntary restraint, by major shifts in relative prices, or by rationing. None of these possible courses of action has any chance of being politically popular. The President will require legislation for much of what he proposes and it is by no means certain that the Congress will accept the political consequences of his economic and industrial logic. For, at the lowest level, there are no votes in making the American people give up their century-long, often profligate enjoyment and waste of energy.

It will be difficult to change the personal habits of generations. But it will be equally difficult to achieve the substantial redirection of industry implied by the President's proposals. The required shift to coal as a source of power and away from oil and gas will create substantial industrial problems. There must be a serious question mark over whether the existing coal distribution systems, notably the rundown railway network. has the capacity to meet its pro-

posed share of the new load. Increased coal production (and other potential energy sources, like the accelerated exploitation of shale oil) are also bound to bring the Administration into conflict with the powerful environmental lobby. The President has already shown himself sensitive to the rising anxiety about the more widespread use of nuclear power for electricity generation, which most technical observers consider the only way in which the gap between energy demand and production can be met, if energy prices are not to explode to catastrophic levels by the end of the 1980s.

Given the huge task of public education with which any effective energy programme for the United States must begin, the President had to make a nice judgment as to how far he should go in the first stage of taking the American people down the road to reality in

energy matters. On the demand side of the equation, he appears to be prepared to go a considerable distance. The conservation measures, particularly those aimed at using fiscal measures to encourage individuals to buy more economical cars and industry in general to introduce widespread energy conservation measures, could slow the rise in consumption. The rise in the price of oil products to the consumer, through the mechanism of special extra taxes, until world prices for petrol and other oil products has been reached is clearly the only way in which progress is going to be made. It remains to be seen whether the Congress allows the consumer price to be lifted in this way at a pace which is rapid enough to make a major contribution.

The central weakness of the

Carter programme, however, seems to lie on the side of production. With so much of the emphasis on the side of conservation and with the acceptance in principle that, through increased taxation, the price mechanism will have to be used to shift the pattern of demand, it must be regretted that the same pressure and logic was not applied to the question of production. It is true that the President has suggested that world oil prices should be paid to producers for all new finds and exploitations. In the medium term, however, this is going to have little or no effect on the level of domestic energy production for oil and gas. existing production and above all for oil from Alaska, the President has said that the full system of price controls will remain in force. Combined with the lack of clarity about where the sources of capital are to be found for the development of the alternative energy sources, this appears to be the major gap in what purports to be a comprehensive policy. It is virtually certain that the policy as a whole will fall short of its objectives unless that gap is filled.

THE PRESERVATION OF THE BRITISH ARCHIVE

national asset. It represents the largest, continuous historical archive in the world and is a request can be refused by the magnet for scholars at home and retaining ministry. physical condition of its contents are a matter of genuine public concern.

The short debate on public records in the House of Lords on Wednesday will long be remembered as the occasion upon which Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, revealed the fate, since denied by the Prime Minister, of the files of evidence accumulated during his inquiry into the Profumo affair in 1963. It needed a touch of sensation to arouse general interest in an area normally the sole preserve of assiduous historians, like Lord Bethell, who has run something of a one-man campaign on the subject in recent years, and genealogical scholars like Lord Tevior who sponsored the motion.

Lord Denning, who chairs the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Council on Public Records, also raised a wider issue that has been troubling British historians and the more historically-minded civil servants for some time. Do government departments send all the papers they should to the Public Record Office for release and scrutiny? He made it clear that departments had their ways of avoiding unwelcome disclosure: "It is a difficult question because if departments do not want to disclose their records, they may overlook them, miss them or even destroy them. The Public Record Office can do nothing about it", he said.

The present provision of the Public Records Acts has the nature of a "catch-all" in its retention powers. Departments

Sir, Lady Britton and Mrs V. Hurst

(April 13) have completely mis-

understood the policy changes I advocated in my address to the

Pre-school Playgroups Association AGM. All who worked to further

the best interests of under-fives agree that more money is needed. We all value the skills of dedicated

However, at present available

resources are not meeting the needs

of enough young children in the best way possible. Far too large a

proportion is spent on one-purpose buildings with inunobile profes-sionals, and all too frequently in

areas where parents have already shown enthusiasm for providing pre-school activities for their own

children. As a result, too much is

often not those in greatest need. .

interests of an under-five cannot be

separated from those of his family. Everything possible should be done

to help parents grow in confidence

and take responsibility. Therefore we should spend more on support

networks for families. This would

include more grant aid for self-help

and other voluntary projects (so

that no child is deprived of a place

because of inability to pay), the

eing concentrated on too few, more

PPA believes that the best

Pre-school playgroups

From Mrs Sandra Edwards

professionals.

The collection of documents can withhold release beyond the housed in the Public Record 30 years prescribed by the 1967 Office is an incomparable Act for administrative purposes or "any other special reason". The Advisory Council can ask to see a retained document but its

> Lord Denning's remarks, since withdrawn, raised suspicions of deliberate destruction. The historical profession has other, less dramatic, fears that important documents are being destroyed or "weeded" by wellmeaning officials in departmental reviewing teams ill-suited to make the historical judgments required. Like cases of capital punishment, mistakes in this field are irremediable. The PRO inspectorate of seven officials is quite inadequate to scrutinize 200 government departments.

The Lords heard a number of suggestions for improvement The PRO inspectorate should be increased, the Advisory Council's powers modified to enable it to enable it to act as an independent check on over-cautious sections of Whitehall. Most important of all, the treatment of records should be given the prestige and status it deserves with a Government Archive Service, modelled on the Government Economic or Accountancy Services, coping professionally with the raw material of definitive history from the

cradle to the grave". The nature of historical research has changed since the last review of record procedures with the Grigg report of 1954. The spread of computers has enhanced the possibilities of storage and analysis. The Lord Chancellor heard repetitions of the plea of his Advisory Council last year that a new Grigg-type inquiry should be instituted. Shortage of funds led Lord Elwyn-Jones to refuse, though he found the idea of an archive

expenses of experienced volunteers

who are willing to encourage the next generation of parents, peripa-

next generation or parents, peripa-tetic professionals, and where neces-sary community buildings which will provide the flexibility to meet the changing needs of a neighbour-

The best start we can offer a

child is based on parents who believe that they have an important part to play in his future. We undermine that natural sense of

Chairman, Pre-school Playgroups

Sir, As regards World War II

records, the puzzling feature is the

entire lack of any logical approach to the release or retention of

My book, Very Special Intelli-gence, was largely based on 67 volu-nanous files of Naval Intelligence

records released to the Public Record Office in 1976. These files

are, however, far from complete.

They contain, for example, an almost

complete history, based on secret

responsibility at our peril.

ours faithfully.

Alford House.

April 18.

SANDRA EDWARDS.

Aveline Street, SE11.

From Mr Patrick Beesly

service attractive when money

could be found. He should reconsider. An inquiry would take up to two years if it was thorough in its intentions. The fruits of the North Sea might be with us by then. A committee could make cant recommen would not cost a penny by defining and publishing guidelines for weeding". The foundation of an archive service, which the quality and importance of our national collection surely deserves, could be planned, and implemented when the money became available. Ideally, such a service should consist of a blend of career officials experienced in the policies of the departments whose inheritance they were preserving and trained archivists provided by the historical profession. The Lord Chancellor might even be able to interest Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, with the possibility of a high-class job creation scheme for the unemployed PhDs who abound.

Lord Elwyn-Jones should set the seal on a distinguished public career by setting the historical profession on a new and more secure course. Few monuments could be more permanent or more valuable. As a member of the Prime Minister's Cabinet Committee currently dealing with the proposed Official Information Act and the whole question of open government, he should request that public records are added to its agenda. Paragraph 159 of the Franks report, which, belatedly, stimulated the formation of that committee, urges the early declassification where possible of documents containing inforof current interest. Public Records are a matter of wider ministerial concern. Any nation that loses a vital interest in its past is a sorry, rootless

intelligence, of the Tirpitz, but they exclude the special report produced on the German battleship's involvement in the PQ.17 disaster. I do not myself believe that this is the result of a conspiracy to conceal some-thing discreditable, but the logic of

the decision escapes me. The file on the sinking of the Scharnhorst consists of the actual decrypts not only of German naval but also of German air force signals as I know no other secret intelligence air force records, let alone any army ones, have reached the Public Record Office.

How can a full and accurate history of World War II be written vital documents are released or withheld on such an inconsistent and arbitrary basis? Having served from 1939 to 1945 in the Naval In-telligence Division I am, possibly, more conscious than most of the needs of national security, but I cannot believe that such requirements are any longer involved. Official bumbledom and Whitehall's instinctive inclination to say No rather than Yes must be held responsible.

Yours faithfully. : PATRICK BEESLY, 8 Nelson Place, Hampshire,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making aircraft auieter

From Mr David Newbery Sir, Kenneth Warren (April 16) urges us to follow the United States Government in setting noise targets for pircraft, and wonders who should pay for the considerable investment in quieter engines. In the acrimonious debate over aircraft noise, airport extensions, and land-ing rights for Concorde no-one seems to have proposed the obvious solution. Aircraft should be charged a landing fee commensurate with the noise nuisance they cause. The fee should be proportional to the number of people affected and paid to the local authorities in which they live. It should be higher at night and whenever a given noise level causes greater inconvenience, such as in summer and on holidays. The fee should be sufficient to make it profitable to produce quieter engines for aircraft using major

The effect would be to compensate those who suffer whilst providing the incentive to ameliorate the problem, to encourage the develop-ment of existing quiet aircraft to routes affecting the most people, and, possibly, to bribe some American titles into accepting Concorde.

Yours faithfully, DAVID NEWBERY, Churchill College, April 16.

From the Planning Director of the British Airports Authority Sir, Mr Geoffrey Holmes' categoric statement of our intentions (April 20) about a fourth and a fifth minal at Heathrow is only half right. We are consulting with local authorities about a fourth but we are not planning a fifth. The fifth is the subject of the Government's consultation document "Airport Strategy for Great Britain" on which a policy systematic account. which a policy statement is expected later this year. A commitment, therefore, to the fifth terminal is not part of the Eritish Airports Authority's current plans.

Yours faithfully,

D. W. TURNER Planning Director. British Airports Authority, 2 Buckingham Gate, SW1,

From Mrs C. B. Davy Sir, Once again (The Times, April 19) we are reminded of the preoccupation of anti-noise groups with night noise from airports. Personally, while deploring the whole (unnecessary) bedlam, I would far rather be wakened two or three times at night than have the peace of my summer garden ruined all day. For the same reason the obsession with double-glazing leaves me cold.

You can't double-glaze your garden.
There are all sorts of possible postscripts to the day-or-night air-craft-noise business. For instance, school teachers, lecturers and so on, nowadays, often have to stop in mid-sentence while some screaming jet tion suffers in the same way. There are also night workers who have to

sleep by day.
So let us—including the Noise Advisory Council—give up that recipe of simply forbidding noisy aircraft "from dusk to dawn". Yours faithfully,

DORIS DAVY. Priory Bank. Sussex.

Local broadcasting

From Mr Robert Wales Sir, Both the BBC's objections to the Annan Committee's recommen-dations on local radio and your own leading article (April 17) on the subject miss the most serious issue of all—the use to which these limited and valuable radio frequen-

cies should be put.

It would be arrogant of the BBC to believe that they alone would be the best authority to control them but one can appreciate their

fears.
The Annan Committee states in Chapter 3 of its report that "Broad-casting is in fact a form of publishing: not a dialogue or the equivalent of a Witenagemot", yet in their proposals for local radio it would appear that this role of publisher would almost entirely dis-appear, leaving it as little else but

appear, leaving it as little else but a form of communal relephone. Unless, of course, they regard commercials as publishing.

The quality of British broadcasting so admired by the rest of the world has, to a very large extent, been built and supported by the creative talent of this country. Without the high quality of that contributing talent, neither the BBC nor the IBA could have become the successful publishers they are the successful publishers they are

recognized to be.

That the Annan Committee should completely ignore any provision for the use of that talent in its pro-posed handing out of air waves is not, however, surprising. They have inherited the attitude of the

publishers themselves.

In paragraph 21 of their report, they choose to quote without question part of a previous report made by Lord Redcliffe-Maud in which he stated: "Broadcasting can claim to have done more for the artist have done more for the artist in Britain than any other agency during the last half-century."

Viewed like that, instead of the other way round, can only lead to local broadcasting becoming meaningless sound—no matter how it is financed or what authority controls

Yours sincerely, ROBERT WALES, Chairman, Annan Report Committee, Society of Authors, 84 Drayton Gardens, SW10.

Elderly travellers

From Mrs Marjorie Last Sir, Now in my seventieth year, I find one of the pleasures of train travel nowadays is the unfailing help and courtesy from young people.

Yours faithfully, MARJORIE LAST, Rhu-na-Bidh. Shieldaig, Strathcarron. Ross-shire:

Meeting the cost of Drax B

From the Chairman of the Electricity Consultative Councils Sir, The dispute between Sir Arthur Hawkins and Mr Wedgwood Benn over the early ordering of Drax B coal-fired power station has so far been conducted at a level which has no apparent bearing upon most people's lives.

However, we, as representatives of electricity consumers, support very strongly the view that the United Kingdom should maintain an independent power plant manufac-turing industry: if the early order-ing of Drax B is necessary to sustain an independent industry, then we support its early ordering as part of the Government's industrial strategy.

The key to the whole argument,

The key to the whole argument, and where we support very strongly Sir Arthur Hawkins against Mr Wedgwood Benn, is the critical question of who is going to pay for the early ordering of Drax Stage II and the prototype manufacture of the 1300 MW high speed turbine generator if it goes ahead, which on past performance may well, I believe, prove to be a costly exercise. There would seem to be two possible sources of finance, the CEGB (the electricity consumer) or the Government (the taxpayer). Conventional wisdom has it that since most taxpavers are electricity

consumers, the distinction is an consumers, the distinction is an academic one, but I believe conventional wisdom in this case to be superficial. If the electricity consumer is to bear the cost, which is likely to be an average of 3 or 4 per cent increase on electricity bills over the period 1978-84 for the early ordering of Press Case Welley over the period 1978-84 for the early ordering of Drax Stage II alone, without taking the 1300 MW prototype into consideration, then the cost will be spread according to consumption of electricity which is no criterion of ability to pay. If the taxpayer is to bear the cost, then there should be a direct correlation between the spread of the cost and ability to pay.

We do not quibble with the fact that this is a decision for the Government, nor with the wisdom of the decision that the United Kingdom should maintain an inde-

Kingdom should maintain an inde pendent power plant manufacturing industry, but we do take issue with Mr Wedgwood Benn over his inten-Mr Wedgwood Benn over his inten-tion to impose an unnecessary cost on the electricity consumer which is as inflationary as it is socially unjust and which should, in all equity, be borne by the taxpayer. Yours faithfully,

Chairman, Electricity Consultative Councils, 4 Broad Street Place. Blomfield Street, EC2.

Football hooliganism

From Mr Philip Goodhart, MP for Bromley and Beckenham (Conservative)

Sir, Your interesting leading article on football hooliganism "Cult Violence" (April 20) makes no mention of the notable fact that although juvenile delinquency has increased in many countries, football hooliganism is generally confined to this country.

In America for example the level

of violence in society is considerably higher than it is here but riots at sporting events are comparatively rare. The reason for this is not the presence of overwhelming numbers of policemen but the fact that standing room does not exist in any important American stadium. It much more difficult to take part

in a riot if you are sitting down than if you are standing up.

The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 does provide for the eventual increase of seating accommodation at the expense of standing room in our sporting stadiums. If football clubs with a bad record of violence at their home around were quickly at their home ground were quickly required to put fixed seats in their standing room enclosures the problem would soon be controlled.
On the continent football authori-

ties take a different approach. The clubs themselves are penalized for the behaviour of their supporters and can be banned from league or club competitions. For example, after the disgraceful riots that followed the 1975 European Cup Final in Paris, Leeds United was banned from European competition for two years. I note that Denis Howell, the Minister for Sport, is under some pressure from his European colleagues to adopt a similar system here. If British football clubs were faced with the prospect of substantial fines if their supporters misbehaved, the clubs and the law-abiding and the law-abiding supporters' organizations would be encouraged to take drastic action themselves to control the hooligan element among their followers. If, for example,

Manchester United or Chelsea-to cite two of the worst offenders— were fined £50,000 every time their supporters created havoc inside or outside the football ground, they would soon have to sell their star players or go bankrupt. This could well have a greater deterrent effect on hooliganism as a whole than the imposition of often unenforceable penalties on the few hooligans who are apprehended. The fines could be used partly to compensate those individuals who have suffered from the many worthwhile activities sponsored by the Sports Council which are starved for funds at the moment.
It would, of course, be necessary

to establish which club's supporters had been responsible for the violence; but the police already have ample evidence in most cases.
Responsibility for fining the clubs concerned would be the task of a special disciplinary body, which could be set up either by the Football Associaball League, the Football Associa-tion or a special committee of the Sports Council itself. Yours faithfully, PHILIP GOODHART,

House of Commons.

From the Reverend A. C. Barker Sir, I am amazed to read in today's editorial (April 20) that corporal

punishment is a violation of the Convention on Human Rights.

It is my belief, shared by my children, that corporal punishment for juveniles is a human right, being the most biblical, simplest least appearing quicker. simplest, least expensive, quickest and most effective way in which genuine love can be expressed, dis-cipline and authority can be estabguarded in the face of most forms of anti-social behaviour by children and young people. Yours faithfully, ARUNDEL BARKER,

Future of pay policy

From the General Secretary of the Association of University Teachers Sir. While I appreciate that space does not always permit detailed reservations being put by your specialist writers when dealing with major issues, some of the proposi-tions now being put forward in con-nexion with what follows the present stage of pay policy are really too glib to swallow.

Without commenting on the desir-ability or otherwise of a further stage of pay restraint, may I be allowed to mention just some of the considerations that illustrate how superficial statements can be mis-

ading to the readership.
The period following August 1 is being described as a proposed third stage of the social contract.". It is too easily forgotten that before the £6 per week pay limit was introduced in August, 1975, there was already in existence a TUC-Government social contraction. tract which set out criteria for pay which, while supposedly allowing groups of staff to be compensated in their wages and salaries for increases in the cost of living was, in fact, operated in such a restrictive way in some cases so as to

prevent this.

For example, my members in that period were prevented from receiving full cost of living com-pensation by the action of Reginald Prentice, the then Secretary of State for Education, who even refused to allow a pay claim designed to arhieve this to go to arbitration. Thus for university other groups in the public sector, what follows after August 1 would be a fourth and not a third stage

It is also being suggested that the pay supplements allowed under the last two stages of the social contract would give increases of something like 3 per cent if consolidated into basic pay. This global figure is misleading, since to well over two million employees consolidation will be a supported to the support of the sup solidation will mean nothing, either because they do not do overtime or have no overtime payment svetem, or because there are no addi-tions by way of bonuses, merit money, etc., to add to their basic

We are told that strains would be eased by the introduction of pro-ductivity bargains, but there are very many areas where productivity is difficult to measure and where it only occurs over periods of years,

A further problem arises since productivity, which in crude terms means producing more with the same labour force or producing the same with less labour, comes right up against the Government sponsored temporary employment subsidy scheme which encourages firms not to dispose of labour.

Although the differentials prob-

lem is continually viewed as the narrowing of the gaps between

Deanshanger Rectory, Milton Keynes. Buckinghamshire. management, skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers within an

undertaking, the horizontal differentials problems have been ignored. These exist where traditionally one group of employees compares itself with a group of employees in an allied or comparable field of em-ployment. The "kitty" principle, incidentally, will do nothing to put right this situation. Finally, no attention has been paid to the rectification of anoma-

lies that arose on the introduction of the £6 per week limit other than to make the concept synonymous with the differentials problem. Yet there are three or four groups of employees in the public sector who, because of the date of the introduction of the £6 per week limit and in spite of transitional provisions, found that their pay increases, either awarded by arbitration or expected to come about through negotiations, were aborted by a narrow and strict application of the pay policy in August, 1975—this, in spite of statements made by the then Prime Minister that these anomalies should not occur. Ceranomalies should not occur. Certainly in any relaxation that takes place, whether there is a parpolicy or not, my members would expect to see this kind of anomaly rectified.

I hope, therefore, that future contributions to the discussions now proceeding will pay more attention to the detailed implications of what is being proposed, rather than pro-pounding global panaceas that will create more strains than they purport to remove.

LAURIE SAPPER. Association of University Teachers. 1 Pembridge Road, W11.

From Mr I. Duckworth Sir, For some time now your correspondents have been debating in detail various rival economic

theories in your columns.
It would be interesting to have comment on the proposition (which I express in the most simple terms) that monopoly labour capitalism should not seek annually increased wage rates, but that these (with appropriate differentials) could stay the same for an indefinite period. The injection of invention, money capital and management skills into the industrial process would continually reduce unit costs, so that a wage earner working five hun-dred hours to earn a commodity at one time would later only have to work fifty hours for the same

commodity.

Such a holding of wage rates and a rise in the standard of living took place in that part of the nineteenth century when money capitalism was strongest, invention prolific, and organized labour had still to attain its present menopoly position. Yours faithfully. J. DUCKWORTH, Lincoln House.

296-302 High Holborn, WC1.

Soviet intervention in Africa

From Professor Leonard Sthapiro Sir, My friend Fred Northedge (April 20) has very ably argued the Saviet Union's case for its interventian in Africa. There is, however, a very good practical reason why the Prime Minister should warn Russia against meddling in that area. The ultimate Soviet aim in Africa is plainly to deny to the Western world the economic resources of the continent. Soviet interest in "détente" is not avoidance of war (this is looked after by other, more private, negotiations) but credits, technology and trade. Is it so very iniquitous to drop a is it so very iniquitous to drop a hint that these Soviet benefits mights be put at risk if the USSR continues to promote communist take-overs in Africa? Or is it Professor Northedge's view that we should be so guitt-ridden over our past "meddling" (by which I presume he means the British Empire) as to have lost the right to defend

as to have lost the right to defend our interest in survival? Yours faithfully. LEONARD SCHAPIRO.
London School of Economics and
Political Science Houghton Street, WC2.

Teachers' morale

From Mr Max Morris Sir, The reference in your leading article, "Uneasy and Unsure Teachers" (April 14), to my castigation of the DES bureaucrats requires some comment. It is not only teachers who have voiced their anxiety about the DES. The Depart-ment has for a long time been subject to serious criticism from those who have attempted to investigate its methods of operation. Both the OECD and the Select Committee of the House of Commons have highlighted its insufferable

secretiveness.

The climax of this DES attitude was reached when it presented to the Prime Minister a secret report, the notorious Yellow Book, which contained so many inaccuracies as to render it worthless as a guide to action. To this day the Department has refused to publish the document so that it can be properly debated. Yet its contents are strongly suspected, on good grounds, to be major influence on government

policy. But a second issue, of some con-stitutional importance, is also involved. When the present Per-manent Secretary took office he made a public statement on the need for more DES intervention in the curriculum, though this kind of view is normally expressed by view is normally expressed by ministers. He followed this up more recently by a speech advocating Sixth Form Colleges as the proper form of Comprehensive education for the over-16s. And now we learn that a memorandum was secretly in preparation for a long time in the DES which has been widely interpreted as pointing in this direction. It is worth pointing out that the existence of this memorandum has become publicly known only through the journalistic enterprise of The Times Educational Suppl was also the existence of the Yellow

The exclusion of other forms of Comprehensive education in favour of Sixth Form Colleges is not Labour Party, nor Conservative or Liberal Party policy, nor that of any educational organization.

Is not one entitled to ask: who making educational policy these

days? Yours, etc. MAX MORRIS. 44 Coolhurst Road, N8.

Capital investment From Mr Montague Calman

Sir, As politicians hurl cliches at their opponents and trade unionists mass for further action against employers in the forthcoming social contract battle, could not all sides stop and ponder for a moment? I have before me a publication from the Japanese Embassy which

"A Professor of industrial analysis, making detailed comparisons of a British Levland small car production and its counterpart in Japan, found that the Japanese worker could turn out \$1,000 worth of car in nine days whereas the Leyland worker took 47 days. This was mainly because each Japanese worker had machinery worth £11,780 at his elbow, while the figure for the British worker was only £1,000." Need one say any more in this year of 1977 save to crawl into a corner and weep for the future for

MONTAGUE CALMAN, 1E Carlisle Place, Westminster, SW1,

Words in 'Franglais'

From Mr Timothy Finn Sir, Professor Alan Ross (April 18) categorizes the Hungarian lunch cream (pate) as a "pseudo borrowing", which sounds correct. But I am not sure that the same can be said of the French use of ball trap to mean clay pigeon shooting. Trapball—we English reverse the word order—is the name given to an ancient group of English games all of which use a characteristic launching mechanism to throw a projectile into the air. Clay pigeon shooting is merely the most recent sport to make use of this old technique. In this borrowing the French have been meticulously logical. Yours faithfully. TIMOTHY FINN

Laughing bishops

Pub Games of England,

Stambourne. Essex

From Canon R. C. R. Godfrey Sir, Could it be that the merriment shown on the faces of newly consecrated bishops, as noted by your correspondent on April 16, is akin to that of Pope Leo X who declared on election to the Holy See in 1513: "Since God has given us the Papacy let us enjoy it"? Yours faithfully,

RUPERT GODFREY. St Mary's Vicarage, Suffolk,

can hear, be thankful

Deafness is like a road accident. It always happens to other people. Until it happens to you. The RNID is in

urgent need of money to help the deaf. Will you please spare something (even a couple of pounds would help) so that this very necessary work can go on? And be thankful it isn't for you.

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HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, KG.

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Rugby School

Trinity term began at Rugby yes-Head of the School. There are 242 pupils including 12 girls.
Mr Alan Lee, the second master, has taken over the school during we. who has been granted a sabbatical term.

OK Day will be on May 21, excat June 3 to 8 and Speech Day on July 9 when term ends.

Heathfield School, Ascot, Fellowship

This year's meeting of the Heathfield School, Ascot, Fellowship will take place at Heathfield on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 19. Evensong will be at 3 pm when the preacher will be the Conduct of Eton College, the Rev Roger Royle. All old girls and their families and staff are most welcome.—Please reply to: Mrs Parry, Heathfield School, Ascot.

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, April 22, 1952 April 22, 1952
Sir Stafford Cripps, QC, who died at Zurich on Monday, was for 20 years one of the most remarkable individual forces in British politics. He had all the virtues and all the weaknesses of a "man with a mission": utter integrity an unmission"; utter integrity, an un-sparing devotion to the cause he upheld, and great courage; but with these went a native impatience of the restrictions implicit in political action and a tradency to overlook the homan factor in any given situation. Having formed his own ideas, it Having formed his own ideas, it seemed to him a rather burdensome necessity that they should have then to be submitted to the test of facts—and await the decision of minds less competent, less far-seeing than his own. His intellectual ability was apparent in everything he did. Before he was called to the Bar he established, while still a young man, a considerable reputation as a chemist, then, in his remarkably successful career at the Bar, he displayed a formidable gift for unravelling legall intricacies which brought him attention even when he was a junior; and finally when, from 1547 to 1949, he found himself in command of Britain's economic command of Britain's economic front, the country soon felt that, whitever his other failings, here was a man equal to his stupendous



COURT **CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE April 21: Today is the fifty-first anniversary of the Birthday of The

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 21: The Duke of Gloucester attended a Charity Theatre Performance given by the Stock Exchange Amateur Dramatic and Operatic Society in aid of the Central London Branch of Parkinson's Disease Society at the Golden Lane Theatre, Barbican, London this eventing. London, this evening.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland
was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE April 21: The Duchess of Kent today attended the re-dedication of HMS Kent at Portsmouth Naval

Base.

Her Royal Highness, who
travelled in an alreraft of The
Queen's Flight, was attended by
Mrs Alan Henderson and Lieutenant_Commander Richard Buck-

ley. RN.

The Duke of Kent this evening attended a meeting at the Institution of Electrical Engineers at which he received a certificate of Honorary Fellowship.

Captain James Napier was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Lord Airedale. 62; Mr George Cole. 52; Sir Harold Jeffreys, 86; Sir Leslie Kemp, 87; Mr Laurier Lister. 70; Mr Yebudi Menubin. 61; the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, 61; Professor Sir Eric Scowen, 67.

Dinners

British Antique Dealers

British Antique Dealers'
Association
Mr William Rees-Mogg and Mr
Tom Stoppard were the speakers
at a dinner given by the British
Antique Dealers' Association at
Goldsmiths' Hall last night. The
president of the association, Mr A.
Kenneth Snowman, was in the
chair. Among those present were:
The Austrian Ambassarior. Lord Sahisbury. Mrs Williams
Wr Leen Stoppard. Mp Mr Robit Gooke.
Mr Detrick Carmask, Mp. Mr
Graham Hughes, Mr C. P. de B.
Jenkins, Mr Hugh Talt and Professor
John White.

The Earl of Listowel
The Earl of Listowel, patron of
the British Tunisian Society, entertained members of the society and
their friends at the House of
Lords last night at their annual
dinner. Mr Gavin Strang, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
for Agriculture, Fisheries and
Food, the Ambassador of Tunisia
and Mr John Marnham were the
principal speakers. Among those
present were: principal speaks. In Countess of Listowel, Earl Alexander of Tunis, Mr N. L. Leodham-Green (vice-chairman of the society) and Mrs Leedham-Green and Mrs Marnham.

SM Covernment

HM Government
Mr Gerald Kaufman, Minister of
State, Department of Industry,
was host at a dinner held at 1
Carlton Gardens last night in
honour of Dr Alawi Darwish
Kayyal, Minister of Telegraphs,
Post and Telephones for Saudi
Arabia.

All England Lawn Tennis
and Croquet Club
The annual dinner of The All
England Lawn Tennis and Croquet
Club was held yesterday evening
at the Hyde Park Hotel. The chairman, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian
Burnett, presided and Mr Colin
Cowdrey was the guest of honour.

Upholders' Company
The Upholders' Company held
their annual livery meeting yester
day at Grocers' Hall. Dr P. H.
Coldwell was installed as Master. Mr A. S. Fowler as Senior Warden and Mr J. P. Charkham as Junior Warden for the ensuing year. The Master presided at a dinner held afterwards. The other speakers were Dr D. T. Willoughby-Cashell, Mr V I Rurke and Visconnt Mr V. J. Burke, and Viscount Southwell.

Luncheons

HM Government Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State for Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs, was host yes-terday at a luncheon at the Athenaeum Hotel in bonour of Mr Tong lin Park, Minister for Tong Jin Park, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of

ям Government Mr Government
Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of
State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday
at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens
in honour of Mr Emile Gumbs,
Chief Minister of Anguilla, and
Mrs Gumbs.

Royal College of Surgeons of

England
Sir Rodney Smith, president of
the Royal College of Surgeons of
England, yesterday entertained
The College Mr F. at luncheon at the college Mr F. L. Garner, Mr J. L. Reed, Mr Howard G. Hanley, Mr Alan Parks and Mr W. F. Davis.

Service dinners

Mrs Gumbs.

Boyal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785
A dinner was held at the Naval
and Military Club last night to
commemorate the Anxio landing,
January 22, 1944. Admiral Sir
Ian Easton presided and the guest
was Rear-Admiral F. T. Brown,
American Defence Attaché.

Association of Old Worcesters was held last night at the Café Royal. Mr B. R. M. Wilcox was in the chair and the guest of honour was .Mr Ian Borland.

: Science report

Radiology: Genetic risk to population

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. J. D. Coleridge and Miss S. E. Littlejohn The marriage will take place quietly in London on Friday. May guiety in London on Priozy, May 20, between Syndercumbe, son of the late Hon James Coleridge and Mrs Coleridge, of Chasscombe, near Chard, Somerset, and Susan, daughter of Mr Derrick Littlejohn and the late Mrs Josephine Little-john, of Kensington, London.

Mr J. Anstey and Mrs M. Bancroft-Wilson

The marriage arranged between John Anstey, of Tickenham, Somerset, and Margaret Bancroft-Wilson, of Felixstowe, Suffolk, will take place on April 30, at Tickenham Church, Clevedon,

Mr V. Beamish

and Miss J. Watson
The engagement is announced between Victor, only son of Group Captain and Mrs C. E. Beamish, of Barnane House, Templemore, co Tipperary, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. T. Watson, ot

Mr M. W. Higgin and Miss V. N. Owen

The engagement is announced between Mark Wynnefield, elder son of Captain and Mrs W. B. son or Lapann and Mrs W. B. Higgin, of Peplow Hall, Shrop-shire, and Victoria Nicola, daughter of Lieutemant-Colonel D. L. H. Owen, of Pentrecelyn Hall, Ruthin.

Mr M. R. C. Minnitt
and Miss M. F. Boxford
The engagement is announced
between Michael. son of Mr
Robert J. Minnitt, CMG, and the
late Mrs Peggy Minnitt, of Sutton, Pulborough, Sussex, and
Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs
John Boxford, of Fogdens. West
Burton, Pulborough, Sussex.

Mr R. G. Seddon and Miss V. Geipel and Miss V. Geipel
The engagement is announced
between Rodney, son of Mr R. F.
Seddon and the late Mrs H. Seddon, of Teddington, and Valerie,
daughter of the late Mr E. W.
Gelpel and of Mrs G. P. Geipel,
of Richmond.

Mr C. D. Ward and Miss R. A. Ferguson
The engagement is announced between Charles Dudley, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Ward, of The Old Vicarage, Grantchester, and Rosemary Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs I. D. Ferguson, of Farnbard, Surrey.

Mr C. M. H. Wood and Miss P. A. I. Murley and Miss P. A. I. Murley
The engagement is announced
between Christopher Malcolm
Howard, younger son of the late
Mr and Mrs Howard Wood, stepson of Mrs Mayzod Wood, of
Dorridge, and Philippa Anne
Iseult, youngest daughter of Mr
and Mrs J. R. Murley, of Tocane
St Apré, Dordogne, France.

The marriage arranged between Mr Robert Cookson and Miss Diana Keigwin will not take place.

Concert protest against cuts

The Musicians' Union has organized a May Day concert with the aim, it says, of showing some of the leading figures in the Labour Party "just one small fraction of the breadth of talent which exists in the musical profession, which could be threatened by trivial cutbacks in arts expenditure" (our Arts Reporter writes).

The Prime Minister expects to be at the Meranaid Theatre for the concert. Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Minister for the Arts, are

bridge, Minister for the Arts, are also being invited.

Latest wills

At Someon's, neigravia, yearday, a sale of Japanese ceramics, furniture and works of art made fill,725 with 2 per cent unsold. A Shibayama lacquer display cabinet, of beautiful quality, made f7,200. A grained lacquer two-Memorial service

Latest estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed): Alsford, Mr James, of West Wit-tering, Sussex, former chairman of J. Alsford Ltd, timber firm £119,346 Mr D. M. Robinson A memorial service for Mr David M. Robinson was held pesterday at the Church of All Hallows by the Tower. The Rev Peter Delaney officiated. The General Council of British Ship-ping) read the lesson and Dr Frederik Franklin (secretary-general, World Alliance of Frederik Franklin (secretarygeneral, World Alliance of
YMCAs) gave an address. Among
those present were:
Miss Especta Robinson (sister), Mr
and Mrs John Harding (brother-in-law)
and sister), Mr Antony Robinson
(brother), Mrs Stephen Robinson
(sister-in-law), Mr Nicholas Robinson
Mr Tim Harding, Mr Stephen Harding,
Mr Benjamin Harding, Mr Edward
Harding, Mrs H, Gilbert

Viscount Runciman of Doxford, the Owners' Hon Isabel Catlo, the Hon Philip Pender, Samuel, the Hon W. C. Runciman, Str. (Aprilor Hon Isabel Catto, the Hon Pahin Sanues, the Hon W. G. Rundman, Sir Francis Portal, Sir Lindsay Alexander relationant. Ocean Transport and Trading), Sir Enrington and Lady Koville, Sir Charles Hardie (Diston, Wilson, Tubbe and Gillett), Sir Frederic Bolton, Mrs Cadbury Wilcomb (Balton), Mr Great Britain), Mr Glyn Jacob (Weish Nallonal Council, YMCA), Mr W. W. Loyland (YMCA, Metropolitan Region), Mr R. P. Collins (Barbican YMCA), Colonel Gerard Leigh (Chairman, National Council of YMCAs), Mr Royland Phillips, Mr Geofrey Milling, Mr D. Roynast (Roynes Holdings), Mr Amony Reardon-Smith, Mrs R. S. Fox, Mr H. Hely-Hotchinson, Mr George Anderson, Mr B. E. Sargeaunt, Mr J. S. H. White Council Mr J. S. H. White Mr J. S.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr D. K. Middleton to be British High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea in succession to Mr G. W. Baker, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

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To membership of five new regional boards to advise the British Raibways Board, porticularly on commercial and public relations activities.

Eastern: Chalman: Mr J. L. Dickinson. Members: Mr G. J. Connoils. Mr G. Myers (gon mgr. Eastern Rog).

Midlands and North-west: Chalman Mr W. M. Pybus. Members: Sir Stantoy Tapp. Mr J. M. Binnbe (gon mgr. Londard).

Londard Chalman: Lord Taylor of Cryle. Members: Sir John Alwoll Mr G. R. P. MacLellan, Mr L. J. Soane (gen mgr. Scot Rog).

The Archbishop of Canterbury and June Mendoza, the artist, looking

at her portrait of Dr Coggan, commissioned by St John's College,

leaf screen carved with two cockerels and flowers made 57,000; it was also of fine quality and had been underestimated at £800-£1.200. In Paris on Wednesday Conturier-Nicolay sold a collection of plaster sculptures from Hadda in Pakistan, dating from the second to fourth century. They came from the collection of Clara Malraux, Andre Malraux's first wife, and had been acquired on a visit

and had been acquired on a visit to Pakistan by the author and his wife in 1929.

expectations. A head of Bodhis-attva made 49,000 francs (estimate 15,000) or £5,765; a head of Devata made 47,000 (estimate 12,000) or £5,600.

Phillips yesterday held a sale of musical instruments totalling £57,205 with seven of 290 lots unsold. A violin by Joseph Gagliano of Naples, dated 1785. made £8,000 (estimate £6,000-£8,000) and another by Francesco Ruggeri, dated 1672, made £7,800 (estimate £6,000). Some high prices were paid for instruments in poor condition. A violin by Nicolas Amati of £1680, rotten with worm, brought £1,050 (estimate £50-£500).

King and Chasemore held a sale

mate £250-£500).

King and Chasemore held a sale at Arundel Castle yesterday in aid of the Arundel Cathedral Restoration Fund. It made £44,027 with 1 per cent unsold. All the items were donated and included a set of 17 late eighteenth-century rosewood-framed dining chairs at £3,200 (estimate £2,000-£4,000) and a seventeenth-century Spanish carved-wood religious group, 19in high, at £3,000 (estimate £250-£400).

At T. R. G. Lawrence in Crew-

kerne, Somerset, a mixed sale made £73,500 with 8 per cent unsold. A fine Tabriz carpet of Shah Abbaso design, measuring 14ft 10in by 11ft 9in, made £3,800.

A large carved oak sideboard of the nineteenth century, with some earlier panels depicting biblical scenes, sold for £2,050.

Prices went consistently beyond

Cambridge, where he graduated.

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
Yesterday saw a new auction
record for a Beatrix Potter book
when The Tale of Peter Rabbit
sold at Sotheby's Hodgson's
Rooms for £920 (estimate £350£500) to Mrs Partridge. It was a
very special copy, a first edition
from the first issue of 1901; it
is believed that only 250 copies

from the first issue of 1901; it is believed that only 250 copies were printed.

The sale room was dispersing the fifth part of a large, anonymous collection of children's books. The day's sale made £12,850, with six lots valued at £39 utsold. Among the surprises was a first edition of 1806 of Pug's Visit, or the Disasters of Mr Punch, a work of 15 pages, at £500 (astimate £55.550) (astimate £55.550).

Pug's Visit, or the Disasters of Mr Punch, a work of 16 pages, at £520 (estimate £35-£50) to Pickering and Chatto.

At Sotheby's in Bond Street emeralds brought the highest prices in a sale of fine jewels. An early mineteenth-century emerald-and-diamond brooch, centred on a square step-cut emerald of attractive size and quality, made £58.000 to S. J. Phillips. An important octagonal step-cut emerald of attractive colour and clarity made £22,000 (estimate £10,000-£13,000) to the same dealer.

(estimate £10,000-£13,000) to the same dealer.

Jade prices were looking up again after some recent difficulties. A jade-and-diamond surete pin made £3,800 (estimate £200-£400).

A Sotheby sale of South African coins held in Johannesburg on Wednesday established a new auction record for a South African coin, at 24,000 rand or £16,000.

for an 1892 half pond, the only example known and the rarest coin of the South African series. The sale made £76,000 with 2 per cent

At Sotheby's, Belgravia, yester-

'Tale of Peter Rabbit'

Record for Beatrix Potter

Latest pamphlets

Guide to links with past and present royalty

Royal Britain. Edited by Michael Buttler. Books on almost every aspect of the Royal Family are flooding from the presses now that the silver jubilee approaches. Here is one of particular value to the tourist and weekend pleasure motorist. It is a useful guide to more than 350 places, including palaces and castles, battlefields and ruins, that have links, sometimes rather temons, with past and present royalty. Tours are plotted in 38 areas of Britain with strong royal associations.

The backles will residue to the first but he adopts a chronological style which makes it simpler to pick out specific monarchs or dates. It is not intended as a brief to the tourist and present royalty.

The book is well produced, and the illustrations are good. The text does, however, bear the mark of a team effort through its repet-tion of facts. Sometimes there is also contradiction in its descrip-

tions.

A whole page feature, for instance, on the Eleanor crosses, erected by Edward I at 12 places where the body of his wife rested on its procession from Notting-hamshire to Westminster Abbey, describes the cross that survives at Waldham Cross as "probably the most beautiful", whereas the text subsequently gives Gedding-ton in Leicestershire, the distinc-

He maintains that because we value the individual it matters that

value the individual it matters that the exposure of a mother may carry a risk of 10 to 20 cancers over 200 years for children up to the age of 10.

On the other hand, he suggests our species is very adaptable to variations in environment. Even if

It is not intended as a brief history of British monarchs, he says, but as a guide to the many places with royal associations. places with royal associations.

It shows how itinerant have been our kings and queens over the centuries. Some have kept on the move from military necessity, other for pure pleasure. Whatever the reason, their travels have added much interest to our royal heritage and brought much pleasure to later victors. pleasure to later visitors.

Shire Publications Ltd, Cromwell House, Church Street, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, 60p (postage 11p).

Cyril Bainbridge

Church news

Latest appointments include :

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The Rev E. R. Ayerst. Rector of Whippingham with East Cowes, diocese of Porsonouth to the united benefice of the Ayerst. Bridgwater with Chifton Itinity, and to be Vicar of Durietgh, discrete of Bath and Wells.

The Rev I. F. R. Ellis, Vicar of Harnham, diocese of Salisbury, to be also thank Deun of Salisbury, to be also thank Deun of Salisbury, to be also thank Deun of Salisbury, to be called the P. Hills, carate of Kenwin, diocese of St. Siephen-by-Salissh. same diocese.

Colonel K. P. Johnson in be Bursar of York Minster.

University news

(gen mgr. Scot Reg.).
Southern: Chairman: Mr Derek J. Patmar. Members: Mr W. McAigine. Mr
D. H. L. Hopkinson, Mr L. R. Pincott,
Mr J. Palette (gen mgr. Southern Reg.).
Wostera: Chairman: Sir Alan Walker.
Members: Mr D. G. Badham, Mr A.
N. G. Dakton, Lady Young, Mr L.
Lloyd (gen mgr. Western Reg.).
Sir Steven Runciman to be charman of the National Tener for man of the National Trust for Greece in succession to the late Mr Robin Fedden.

> Auxiliary bishop Canon Patrick Leo McCartie, aged 51, administrator of 5t Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, has been appointed auxiliary histor to the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The vacancy was created when the Right Rev Anthony Emery was appointed Bishop of Portsmouth last year.

Record number of sponsors for festival

British win

EEC bridge

From a Bridge Correspondent
Ostend, April 21
The British women's team today
won their series in the Common
Market Bridge Championship when
they beat Italy, their closest challengers.

against them.

Final table in the women's cham-

Italy, France and Great Britain dominated the tournament, and finished in that order.

Final placings in the Open

Great Britain probably disap-pointed most in the junior series, where their followers were hope-ful of an outright victory. At their

best, they were a match for the strongest teams, but lack of consis-tency cost them several matches which they would have been ex-pected to win.

Final tables in Junior Series:

1. The Netherlands, 96: 2; Belgium, 84: 4. Inly, 77: 6. Greec, 71: 7. France, 52: 8. Denmark, 8. Mixed teams 1. Italy, 101: 2. Germany, 93: 5. Belgium 18: 79: 4. Gonce, 93: 5. Belgium 41: 79: 4. General Britain, 73: 7. The Netherlands, 95: 8. Denmark, minus 4.

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By Our Arts Reporter

This year's Greenwich Festival, to be held from June 11 to 26, will include more than three hundred events at 77 venues and has attracted a record sponsorship from more than forty companies.

Mr Ray Martin, a member of
the festival committee and a
Greenwich councillor, said it would cost local ratepayers no more than £10,000, "an extremely modest amount", and would be a bigger and better festival for the shout the same amount of just about the same amount of money as before.

The events fuclude 40 concerts, 21 exhibitions and a similar number of light entertainment shows. oer of light entertainment shows, sports events, films, dances, plays and community festivals, in addition to events for children, including 50 street parties.

It will be arranged, as usual, in three tiers, embracing international, locally organized and community events.

Artists appearing include John Villiams and Paco Pena (guitar); Jill Gomez and Benjamin Luxon as soloists in the closing concerts;
Murray Perahia (piano); Heinz
Holliger (oboe); Yan Pascai
Tortelier (violin); the Wurttemberg Chamber Orchestra, and the
London Saxophone Quartet.

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The Rev T. Ekin, Rector of St
James's, Durban, South Africa, diocese
of Natal, to be Rector of Batsford with
Moreton-in-Marsh,
The Rev G. H. Mckinley, Vicar of
Painswick, to be Vicar of Painswick
with Sheepscombe. The Rev A. O. Dyson, canon of St George's Chapel, Windsor, diocese of Oxford, to be examining chapitain to the Bishop.

The Rev R. H. Ellis, priest-in-charise of worthern and Burgare, diocese of St Edmundshury and loweich, to be Vicur of St Aldan's Wheatley Hills.

> Today's engagements The Duchess of Kent attends

out for a distinguished career, he went immediately in 1943 into aeronautical research. His

PROFESSOR D. W. HOLDER

Advances in aerodynamic research:

first appointment was in air-craft flight research at Boscombe Down but he soon moved to the Aerodynamics Division at the National Physical Labora. tory where he remained until 1961. His career at the NPL fulfilled his early promise and in 1957 at the age of 34 he was made a Deputy Chief Scientific Officer. The immediate post-war years at the NPL were noted for the rapid progress in high speed aerodynamics.

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He made many important con-tributions in the field of transonic aerodynamics, then still in its infancy and pioneered new testing techniques which are still in use. He gathered about him a talented group of scientists who were to make a major impact on aerodynamic research and earn for the laboratory as a whole an enviable international reputation. During this period be published two books, four monographs and close on a hundred scientific papers, many of them classics of their kind This output was to continue even when the inevitable administrative burdens became

On moving to Oxford in 1961 he set about the task of enlarging the engineering department with the same industry and vision which had been so much in evidence at the NPL. He was elected to the Royal Society in By lengers.

There had been a brief alarm when, in the penultimate match, they lost to the weakest team in the competition in a game in which the "breaks" were all lected to the Royal Society in 1962 and was increasingly called in as a consultant by Government and industry. He was a member of the council of the Royal Society in the period 1969-71 and served on many of its committees as well as those of the Aeronautical Research Council which con-tinued to reflect his own abidreland, 45; 8. Beiglum (B), 39.

The British open team remained in contention until the final round when they were one of three possible winners, the other two being France and Italy.

In the final match, Great Britain met Italy and had to win 20—0 in order to win the championship. In the end the British men gave a good account of themselves, but lost narrowly 11—9 after a well-contested match.

Italy, France and Great Britain

HON MARGARET BIGGE

dered long service to the

A member of the board of governors of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, for over 30 years, she applied her very shrewd intelligence and determination to the work of the hospital but concerned herself espe-cially with the nursing staff and fought indefatigably to im-prove their status and ameni-

being of all those members of the staff with whom she came in contact and is remembered with affection and gratitude by and kind, she loved children those who remain from her and children loved her.

MR V. HOLLOWDAY

Mr Vivian Hollowday, GC, who died at Bedford on April 15 at the age of 60, won the third George Cross to be awarded (London Gazette dated January 21, 1941) for two acts of gallantry in July and August, 1940, while serving in the RAF as an Aircraftsman First Class. On both occasions, having seen an aircraft crash and burst into flames, he attempted to rescue the airmen. On the

and active member of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association Committee which he joined in 1958. He will be particularly missed by all overseas members who attend the bien-nial reunions in London in whom he took a very special interest-meeting them on arrival and seeing to their needs throughout their stay. He also took a particularly active part in all reunion arrangements.

Of the Duke of Portland in could truly be said that he was "born great". Yet no man-could have carried that greatness with such natural ease and dignity, and of the many and varied public duties that he carried out, no occasion was

During his long life of service to his country as soldier, politician and in many public offices, which included that of sity were unknown to him.

His sense of history combined with an excellent members in 1947. enjoyment and interest.

Professor D. W. Holder, PRS, ing interest in aerodynamics, who died suddenly on April 18 His advice, always given with at the age of 54, had been head of the Department of Engineering Science in the University of Oxford since 1964.

Educated at Imperial College where he was already marked out for a distinguished career, 1969. He gave the Reynoldshe went immediately in 1943 Prandtl Memorial lecture to the Reval Aeronautical Society and had been a visiting professor in Ann Arbor, Stockholm and Deltr. In 1971 he was a member of a small porking party set up, by the Cabinet to advise on the technical aspects of the Rolls Royce RB211 engine at the time of the collarse and had previously chaired the inquity into precision approach radar set up following the Gatwick disasterin 1969. More recently he had be-

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come concerned with training of engineers and the wider role of science and technology in British industry. He managed these diverse activities at the same time as running an active laboratory without sparing him-self although be had a gift for getting a complex document to its final form with the minimum revision. In his view of the future of technological educa-tion he was frequently ahead of his contemporaries but his con-ception of the role that universities should play in the indus-trial life of the country became with his quiet persuasion widely accepted in his own university. He foresaw the important pari that engineering could play in the Health Service, particularly in orthopaedics and was instru mental in establishing in Oxford a national centre for re-search and development in this

By nature he was reserved, preferring to achieve his clearly seen objectives by reasoned rather than forceful argument yet he was untiring in pursuit. of goals which he believed to be right and proper. His untimely death robs the scientific community of a devoted servant. He leaves a widow-and two

Dr A. P. Norman and Professor J. A. P. Norman and Professor
J. A. Dudgeon writes:
The Hon. Margaret Bigge,
who died recently at the age
of 92, was the daughter of
Lord Stamfordham, private
secretary to His Majesty King
George V, and came of a family whose members had rendered long service to the

ties.
She was deeply and personally interested in the well-

second occasion, despite the danger from exploding ammunition, he managed to extract two of the three airmen, but all three were dead. After the war he became a grain merchant in Bedford. Universally known as "Bob" Hollowday, he was a very keen

DUKE OF PORTLAND A. M-J. and P. F. write:

Lord Lieutenant of Notting-hamshire, he was marked by an extraordinary humility and gaiety. Intolerance and pompoas a reconteur enabled him to entertain his friends to moments of unforgetable

There is in Nortinghamshire a deep sense of loss for Sonnie Portland. For many it marks the end of an era and the loss of a most lovable man. His relaxed and easy manner belied a penetrating shrewdbelied a penetrating shrewd-ness and intelligence and no mean or unkind thought ever age of 89, was the best-knownentered his mind. Mr Walter McGinn,

day. She may also be remembered by some members of the services who used the cameen at Euston station during the 1939-45 War, where she habitually worked a 72-hour week. She then founded, managed and worked in the outpatient canteen of the bospital until it became physically impossible for her to do so... There will be no formal

memorial; Margaret. Bigge rebutted with indignation and contempt any suggestion that her name should be given to any part of the hospital. In her opinion she was doing no more than her dury. It is as a person she will be remembered; forthright in her opinion; contemptyous of cant and hypocrisy; of complete integrity; utterly indomitable when at an advanced age, half blind from cararact and crippled by arth-ritis she would daily board a bus to get to her work. Simple

MR BJORN BOSTRUP

Mr Björn Böstrup foreign editor of Norwegian Journal of Commerce and Shipping, and Oslo correspondent for The Times since 1961, died suddenly, on March 29, he was close to his 57th birthday. . An outstanding journalist of

great experience he began his-career in 1939 in a Norwegian press agency—cooperating with-Exchange -Telegraph — lager becoming information officer of the Scandinavian Airlines system in 1946. Subsequently he joined the editorial staff of the leading Norwegian news-paper, Aftenposten, for which he was a correspondent in London for a number of years until .

On his return to Oslo he was appointed foreign editor of the Norwegian Journal of Com-merce and Shipping. He took part in the 1940 cam-

paign in Norway and after the German invasion of that country worked later legally and illegally for Norway in the . iddle of Berlin, where in dangerous circumstances he did what he could for the relief of Nor-wegian prisoners in Germany. He was a member of the board of the British Business Forum in Osio.

LORD BLACKFORD Lord Blackford, DFC, died on

April 21 at the age of 54. He was chairman of the City of London Brewery and Invest-ment Trust Limited and other companies.

The son of the second Baron, Blackford, CBE, DSO, whom he succeeded in 1972 (Lord Black ford and his wife died on the same day), he was educated at Eton and served with distinction in the RAF in North Africa and NW Europe winning a DFC and reaching the rank of wing commander. He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple He married in 1957 Sarah,

daughter of Sir Shirley Worthington-Evans, Bt. They had a son and a daughter. The marriage was dissolved by divorce in 1971. Lord Blackford is succeeded by his son, the Hon William Keith Mason.

landscape painter in south west Africa Born near Dres to his homeland.

latent period, cause malignancy.

The second stage came with recognition of an especial danger to the developing egg cell. The frequency with which malignancies developed within the first 10 years of life increased by about 40 per cent in children exposed to diagnostic X-rays while still in the uterus. The third stage came when it was realized that since radiation radiation to the human population and other aminals, Professor George du Boulay, of the Lysholm radiological department at the National Hospital, London, suggests that the mining and treatment of uranium ores and the reprocessing of nuclear waste pose the greatest potential hazards in the development of the nuclear nower industry. ment of American studies, to be reader in American studies from October.

SENIOR LECTURERS: W. Williams, MA, DPHILONON: Classics; B. A. G. Dudley BSC, PhD (Walca: MEd(Lond: education; P. E. D. Robinsom BSC (Soc), MSc(Manc), education; N. A. Beasley, BA. PhD (Nott), psychology; K. Walkar, MA(Canipo), mathematics. Grants variations in environment. Even if a whole village or country became affected by radiation-induced genetic deterioration, in a few generations emigration and mixing could swamp the defects within what is virually a worldwide genetic pool. From individual nuclear power stations there is jurile to be feared for animals other than man But securities from the st the development of the nuclear lit was realized that stage came when the development of the nuclear lit was realized that stage came when the development of the nuclear lit was realized that stage came when the work of the stage came when the sta Mr H. F. Patterson, MA, has been appointed secretary of King's College from October. At present special performance of films shown by Children's Film Foundation, Odeon Theatre, Grosvenor Square, 10.15. American character actor, who had just been awarded an American Television Critics' Circle award for his part in den in Germany Jentsch studied Per Cont art at the Dresden Academy, left Germany in 1938 to visit Royal College of Physicians he suggests that awareness of radiation hazards has passed through three stages. Some of the hazards to individual workers with radiation was recognized soon after the discovery of X-rays and natural covery of X-rays and natural covery of man's activities are e is administrative secretary and DIS

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Appointments
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Large doses caused obvious issue' destruction. The cancerproducing effects were also recognized fairly quickly, but it took many years to establish that small doses could often, after a long Spring Exhibition: Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours, 26 Conduit Street, Westminster, 10-Los Angeles. Lady Sorley, widow of Air Carl Balic, the Croatian theo. at Ipswich on April 20. She logian, Franciscan friar and was Mary Eileen Gayford and founder of the Marian Society, was married in 1925. Her died in Rome on April 16, aged 78. clearly innocuous, he argues.

By Our Science Editor.

Source: Journal of the Royal
College of Physicians, Vol. II, No.3,
April, 1977. Maria Laboute Tree vacant 16. 3 s. Walk: Historic London pubs, Suithfield, megt St Paul's Mare Raies Table Susubfield, meet Underground, 7.30. J. D. Lees, BA(Oxon), MA(Mich), PhD(Manc), senior lecturer in demonstration leaves two daughters. مكنامزالثقل

covery of X-rays and natural radioactivity.
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In an assessment of the risks from radiation to the human population

MSc in Management? One year mid-career refresher? :... Phone Ken Elliott 0509 63171, extension 318 LONGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

The Page 23 Mr Benn denic 'arm-twisting' over order for £600m Dray High Noyes entary Correspondent dgwood Benn yestere mantle of the ben he went to deny out in Mr Benn denies

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before the Commons to deny strongly any dictatorial intent in his exchange of letters with Sir Arthur Hawkins, chairman of the Central Electricity Conerating Board, concerning the order British for the £600m Drax B coal-fired industry power station.

In his best man of the people style, the Secretary of State for Energy did nor object to the disclosure of the correspondence with Sir Arthur, but he denied that any final decision had been taken in spite of "the such-publicized exchange between myself and the chair-

He urged MPs " not to believe every inflated estimate that the EGB has seen fit to give to the press, because they are not

One of the purposes of his letter to Sir Arthur, Mr Denu explained, was to discover whether the CEGB could justify its claim that an order for Drax g would involve extra costs for

the electricity consumer.
The Government did not -cept the highly inflated estirates that were given and he rointed out that the board was andy to accept a steam-genered heavy water reactor which tember, without any compen-

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Mr Tom King, Conservative nokesman on energy, claimed of the board and of the Elec-tricty Council that the Drax eder should not be proceeded with unless there was government compensation and that this action was tentameunt to en invitation to breach the board's statutory duty to prov de the most economical supply

of electricity.

Mr Benn replied that the Government was still consulting the CEGB and a wide range of other interests about the need for a steady home ordering pro-gramme for power stations. Mr King demanded to know more about the alleged refusal by Sir 'Arthur to order the

power station, as requested by Mr Benn. But the Secretary of State hody denied that any arm twisting was going on. He had already men the CEGB and would meet them again next

icy by a hidden surcharge on ever come across and most every electricity consumer in the country. No decision had Parliament, page 12 been taken, and a statement would be made to Parliament

when the Government's view

when the Government's view was clear.

As MPs with various axes to grind began suspecting all sorts of sinister motives, particularly on the part of GEC and Sir Arnold Weinstock, the managing director, Mr Benn was accused of preparing to surrender on the future of the British turbo generator turbo generator

industry.
Mr Mike Thomas, Labour MP mr Anke Thomas, Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne, East, predicted that in spire of all the "alarums and excursions" between Mr Benn and Sir Arthur, the Drax B order would be placed with GEC. This plan broke all assurances given to him by ministers and represented a complete loss of nerve by the Government. the Government.

Asked to repudiate the suggestion that the Government wanted to consider the takeover by GEC of C. A. Parsons Ltd as part of the deal for the Drax B order, Mr Benn said this ques-tion should be put to Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry. He (Mr Benn) was involved only with negotiations on energy interests. Our Political Correspondent

writes: Strong protests were made ar last night's meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party about the Government's part in discussions about the future of C. A. Parson. Mr Thomas, Mr Doug Hoyle (Nelson and Coine), Mr Harry Cowans (Newcastle Central), Mr Arthur Blenkinson (South Shields), Mr Norman Buchan (Renfrewshire, West) and Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover) all said that they had reason to believe that there was an agreement that the company would be taken over by GEC. They feared that this would result in widespread redun-

Contrary to previous government assurances, they said, it now appeared that the National Enterprise Board would not have a substantial holding in the new company that was to be formed,

Mr Skinner was particularly critical of Sir Aroold Weinstock and his part in the effair. "What Arnie says, goes in the ministeries", he declared.

Mr Varley was unable to take part in the debate, He was away addressing a by-election

Great friends: Sir Arthur yesterday denied any suggestion of a personal clash with Mr Benn. Mr Benn rejected the sugges- of friends. I have the greatest tion that he was trying to con-ceal the cost of his energy pol-of the most brilliant men I have

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Friedman verdict on Carter energy plan: a monstrosity From Frank Vogi Washington, April 21

Industrialists and economists praise the President for his courage and seriousness in attacking problem



Dr Friedman: fears controls will depress activity.

Dr Milton Friedman, the Chicago economist, today called President Carter's complex set of energy proposals a "monstrosity" and Mr Thomas Murphy, the head of General Motors, said the proposed tax on large cars showed that "the administrators in Washington are zealous people, but men without understanding ".

Businessmen and economists alike praised the President for his " courage " and "seriousness" in attacking the nation's energy problems, but detailed criticisms of many aspects of the new proposals were widespread.

One of the calmest reactions was white House chief economic adviser, who noted that if petrol costs more maybe people won't drive around the country so much for recreation. Maybe they'll stay home and play the violin". Dr Friedman fears that the new array planned energy price controls and

taxes will greatly depress economic activity, while adding to inflation: "If President Carter's programme is adopted, it would do tremendous damage to the country. It would make energy more expensive, it would reduce production and it would strengthen Opec (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)—exactly opposite to the objectives the President is trying to achieve." Dr Friedman would like to see an end

to all energy price controls that would then allow free market forces to work fully to produce both lower consumption and increased incentives to producers. This latter point was the key focus of attention of oil industry leaders today, who rebuked the President for cencentrating only on conservation, while failing to provide incentives for new oil and natural gas development.

Mr C. C. Garvin Ir, chairman of Exxon Corporation, stressed that for the next few years it had to be realized that oil and gas would remain the nation's key energy sources and "it is

nation's key energy sources and "ir is imperative, therefore, that we develop our remaining oil and gas potential in an expeditious manner and that incen-tives, which will make this possible, be

provided".

A widely expressed view by oilmen today was reflected in a statement by Mr H. J. Haynes, chairman of Standard Oil of California (Chevron), who noted that "the American public is being asked to accept painful sacrifices in consequing experts Vet neshing is easied. conserving energy. Yet nothing is said about the need to find and develop additional domestic oil and natural gas supplies to alleviate the severity of the required sacrifices."

Not all economists are as upset as Dr Friedman, but none accepts the undocumented White House claim that the proposals will raise employment, pushing real gross national product up 0.7 per cent this year and up 0.4 per cent in 1984, while inflation will rise by no more than 0.4 per cent.
Dr Otto Eckstein, of Harvard University, whose econometric studies were used by the Administration, suggested that the inflationary effect might be 0.65 per cent per year and the effect on real GNP is likely to be neutral.

Some economists fear that proposals to add taxes and to rebate them later will serve as a drag on consumer spend-ing. Dr Arthur Okun and Dr Walter Heller, who respectively were chief White House economic advisers to Presidents Johnson and Kennedy, see the proposals as having a depressing

effect.
Leaders of the biggest car manufacturers fear that the planned taxes on heavy petrol consuming new cars will sharply cut new car sales and possibly result in heavy unemployment. They result in heavy unemployment. They also claim that moving to the manufacture of such more fuel-efficient cars will sharply increase their output costs and raise retail prices. The new proposal is "a simplistic approach". Mr Murphy said.

The proposal will help the ailing American Motors which specializes in small cars and Mr Robert Stovall, a leading Wall Street stockbroker at

leading Wall Street stockbroker at Reynolds Securities, noted that the car makers could adjust to the new require-ments and that they "are in better shape than common perception leads you to believe".

The programme won favourable reactions from construction companies and manufacturers of energy conserva-tion equipment, but the airlines and tourist industry are deeply worried by the effects of higher oil prices. The power companies are

critical. Mr Don Crawford, president o gramme places a particularly severe burden on the electric utilities at a time when all energy consumers may be facing dislocations in their ways

Bitter battle for last of oil is possible

By the early 1990s the world's leading industrial nations could be bitterly competing with each other to obtain the diminishing supplies of world oil. Some years before his eventuality the price of oil may reach such a high level that most, if not all, developing countries will no longer be able to afford I to import it.

Such critical situations might be avoided, although "it could already be too late", by immediate United States actions to reduce oil consumption. It is these conclusions, that were

reached by President Carter's energy advisers, headed by Dr James Schlesinger, that are the basis upon which all of the President's new energy policies have been made.

In the early 1980s the production of.

coal and to a lesser degree solar energy, is seen as rising sharply as a result of congressional approval of the President's plans.

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Steep rise in

commercial

About 100,000 commercial

users of gas for heating will soon be getting bills showing increases of between 18 and 25.

They will include office com-

plexes, schools, large public buildings and the larger stores,

This was confirmed yesterday by British Gas after it was dis-

closed that a special commercial heating tariff had been aban-

doned from the beginning of

this month.

British Gas had earlier an

nounced an average!increase.of 10 per cent in prices! at 'go's, ernment request, but no mea-

tion was made of ending the commercial heating tariff.

This carried a minimum charge and was used by rather less than a fifth of all commer-

cial users. It applied only to gas used for heating. Many users also had part of their over-

gas tariff

per cent.

Quarter per cent cut in MLR likely today

By John Whitmore The Bank of England's minimum lending rate seems set to yesterday morning. fall by a further 1 per cent, to 81 per cent, today after the continued decline in Treasury bill rates yesterday. Three month Treasury bills

were trading on a yield basis of just under 84 per cent last night. Assuming that the average rate of allotment at today's weekly Treasury bill tender remains below the 81 per cent level there will be scope for the Bank to cut MLR. The Bank has the right not to move MLR in line with the

market if it feels that such a move is undesirable, but yester-day the Bank offered no signal to the discount market that it was opposed to a cut in rates With the discount market short of funds, there was scope for the Bank to force the discount houses to borrow at MLR for a week. In fact, it took a neutral stance and relieved the

shortage by buying in Treasury bills and lending overnight. It remains to be seen how quickly the clearing banks will respond to a further cut in MLR. With the "make-up" of the monthly figures taking place on Wednesday, it had seemed

possible that the banks would decide to cut their base rates

Ahead of the Bank of England's action in the discount market yesterday afternoon, however, the clearers may well have considered a cut in MLR as more probable next week Although interest rates in

money markets may prove firmer next week, there still appears to be scope for the clearers to cut their base rates by a 1 per cent to 9 per cent. The main problem in reaching a decision is what should be done about the deposit rate. A further cut would be needed to ease the squeeze on profitability that goes with falling interest rates, particularly in a period when lending is still

keeping a keen eye on deposit So far, however, there seems

to be little sign of any big switch of funds to building societies.

Consumer spending shows biggest quarterly fall for several years

By Caroline Atkinson

Consumer spending fell by 2 per cent in the first three months of this year, the biggest quarterly drop in real terms for several years. It makes the Government's already-gloomy forecasts of spending this year look over-optimistic and in-creases the likelihood of further tax cuts this autumn to boost

A 1! per cent rise in consumpthe current quarter would be necessary to bring it back into line with the Budget forecasts for the six months to The fall in total personal

spending after seasonal adjust-ment was widely expected after the depressing retail sales figures for March were pub-lished on Monday. Yesterday's figures from the Central Sta-tistical Office cover the whole But the deposit rate is already down to 5 per cent compared with the 7 per cent net return offered by building societies and the banks are leaving a leaving sales.

Continuing rapid inflation com-bined with the effective opera-tion of the second right phase measures may have exaggerated Financial Editor, page 23 of incomes policy-indicated by the decline.

this week's figures showing a slowdown in average earnings in February—has hit the pockets

A big fall in savings before Christmas kept up the real level in spending in that quarter. Output picked up towards the end of last year but has since declined in many industries.

Depressed home demand in the first half of this year will

probably feed through to production later in the year. The case for reflation beyond the Budget measures now looks strong, but it must depend on the outlook for wage inflation 1975 in the next round of settlements. Mr Healey will be making that point strongly in his talks with unious on a third year of pay One buoyant industry in the first part of this year has been

fall in demand in the three A picture of a depressed months January to March. economy is now clearly emerg. There was a particularly ing from government statistics, marked fall in spending on alcohol, although precautionary

lower pay settlements on the public sector than those gener-

ally prevailing under a weak' phase three. A third alterna-

tive would be to find savings elsewhere in the spending

programme.
The new system of account-

ing recommended by the PAC is judged technically possible in Whitehall, although it would

take a number of years to

It would require Parliament to make unfamiliar judgments

on the likely movement of in-flation, should they approve cash limits on a Vote basis.

In their evidence to the PAC,

Treasury witnesses made it clear

that Parliament would require

a system of negative Supple-

mentary Estimates to claw back

money voted but not used

because departments underspent

or price increases were lower

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CONSUMER SPENDING The following are the first preliminary figures for consumer expenditure seasonally adjusted at constant 1970 prices, released by the Central Statistical Office

Annual rate of increase over previous quarter 1974 Q1 8.853 8,811r 8,730r 8.925r 1977 Q1

Yesterday's figures are only the first preliminary estimates of consumers' expenditure and may be revised later.

Overall personal spending is now at about the same level as the second quarter of last year, before incomes were boosted by tax cuts.

Tanners begin legal action against NEB

By Derek Harris A group of Jeading British tanners is to start legal action today against the National Enterprise Board to try to stop its 13m support plan for the tanning interests of Barrow

Hepburn Group (BHG). Mr Fred Lang, vice-chairman of Scottish Tanning Industries, one of the major companies among the 15 in the group. said: "We are determined to proceed with this as far as is necessary."

The group claims the support of 90 companies for the action against the NEB. This is almost the rest of the industry as opposed to BHG which, in turnover terms, represents between 15 and 20 per cent of the total industry.

The group believes the NEB proposal to buy for £500.000 half the equity in a new com-pany, British Tanners' Products, would favour the BHG tanning interests to the detriment of the rest of the industry.

Share of 5p

the previous year.

all supplies registered on other But the National Gas Consumer's Council has been sufficiently worried by the possible effect of scrapping the tariff that a special meeting is being called to look into the matter. The council may make repre-

sentations to British Gas.

The council had earlier been told the tariff would go, but it. had not been clear how many consumers were involved, a council spokesman said yesterday. If commercial users suffered badly from the change that could be taken into account the next time British Gas planned any changes, strengthening a case for the commercial users to be treated more equitably. The Retail Consortium yester

anxiety at the way retailers' costs were rising. It inevitably led to price rises. Pressures on some retailers

were such that a major escalation in bills, such as might be caused by the heating tariff change, could mean the difference between continuing trading and shutting down The Brewers Society is investigating whether the tariff change might affect a disproportionate number of publichouses. The smaller premises among Britain's 73,000 pubs are

unlikely to be affected A society spokesman com-mented: "It is becoming a farce the way government can impose any sort of increase like the gas charges. Yet every time a manufacturer has to do. that, everybody gets into a state.

Signs that GEC takeover of Parson will go ahead

By Roger Vielvoye

The contention by Mr Mike Thomas, Labour MP for New-castle upon Tyne, that GEC would be allowed to take over the turbine generator business of C. A. Parsons was supported last night by Government and Board. industrial sources, although the Parsons group said it had not en involved in any takeover talks with GEC.

Both the Departments of Energy and Industry feel they have extracted sufficient guarantees from Sir Arnold Wein-stock to enable the order for the second stage of Drax B to be placed with the single turbe placed with the sugar bine generator manufacturer led

have been influenced by undertakings from GEC that the bulk of the work on the Drax B the Parsons works in the north-east and not diverted into spare manufacturing capacity in other parts of the GEC empire. Previously the Government had considered a national turbine generator company in which GEC and Parsons would each hold a 40 per cent stake with the balance in the hands of the National Enterprise

C. A. Parsons is thought to be on the point of issuing long expected redundancy notices to 1.600 workers in the north-east early next week with the first redundancies taking place in late summer and the remainder

to make any public announcement about the Drax B order GEC. but is retaining the option to Ministers and civil servants revise its redundancy plans in the light of any order for a new power station if and when it

the unions at C. A. Parsons

-sed into 1978. The company is annoyed at the failure of the Government

Ministers are now faced with the problems of selling their solution to the problems of the turbine generator business to

Select Committee wants better control by Parliament of government spending By Melvyn Westlake and Peter comprehensive system of "cash limits with a reformed by the PAC, would require a cither cash limits with a reformed new system of accounting by

for pay, once phase two of the pay policy has expired this summer, the new system of cash limits for controlling government spending could be

This warning was contained in a special report on Cash Limits, published yesterday by the powerful all-party Select Committee on Public Accounts

commending the While Treasury on its apparent success in applying the radically extended cash limits system during its first trial year just ended, the committee under its chairman, Mr Edward du Cann, Conservative MP for Taunton, suggests that the system has increased the difficulties of parliamentary scrutiny.

Cash limits raise fundamental questions about Parliament's traditional role of checking executive power.

The solution recommended by the committee embraces a

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system of Parliamentary Estimates and Accounts. " Parliament has

sively atricated its duty to control and command expenditure. The committee is saying very clearly to Parliament that we have to look again at the whole system of parliamentary control", Mr du Cann said. Supply Estimates, which

cover government's voted spending, are generally calculated at the price levels prevailing when they are prepared, and taking account only of pay increases known at the time. To finance subsequent pay settlements and price increases during the year, Supplementary Estimates are

Cash limits, the heart of the Treasury's new system of fin-ancial control, involve placing an overall ceiling on two-thirds of the annual total of public

To coordinate the two sets of

estimates prove optimistic, either cash limits would have to be breached or the Governthe Treasury.

Just under half of the ex-

just under nair of the expenditure covered by cash
limits is absorbed by public
service pay. Presenting evidence
to the PAC, Mr Fred Janes,
then deputy secretary in the
Public Services Sector of the
Treasury, agreed that furne Treasury, agreed that future movements in pay were crucial to the continued success of the

During the financial year 1976-77, cash limits allowed for an increase in average earnings of about 12; per cent, in line with pay increases in the economy as a whole.

In the present financial year, when predicting the movements in pay is more difficult, given the precarious state of phase three negotiations, the Treasury is believed to have built in to the cash limits for 1977-78, an estimated growth for pay of berween 5 and 6 per cent. If, as seems likely, these than expected.

Investigation ordered into property groups

Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, has appoin-

Companies Act 1948. Section 165 (b) encompasses most recent Department of Trade investigations. It states that the Department may appoint inspectors when a company's members have not been given all the information which they could reasonably expect, or when its business is being conducted with intent to de-fraud its creditors, or when its management has been guilty of fraud, misfeasance or miscon-

Mr David Lucas as a director, Gilgate yesterday unveiled 1976 amounted to £20,000 against the corresponding loss to £27,000.

The Gilgate board revealed in February that the accounts of certain subsidiaries would be "materially qualified" when the accounts were published.

It had been hoped to disclose details of certain "material" transactions of the last financial

The last published accounts show a net current deficiency of £754,000 and a balance sheet

chairman and previously of Gibert Street Securities, resigned from the Gilgate board in June Lord Mancroft was appointed

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The pre-tax profit of £227,681 for the half year ended 31st January, 1977, compares with £255,002 for the same period last Despite the increased turnover, trading margins remained depressed, again largely as a result of increased material costs brought about by the falling value of the pound. Difficult trading

conditions continue to put pressure on our margins.

The Directors have decided to declare an interim dividend of 0.45p per share (1976-same). This will be paid on 30th May next to Shareholders on the register at the close of business on 6th May, 1977.

We expect to recommend a final dividend at

least equal to the final dividend declared in

G. R. WALKER, Chairma



How the markets moved

Rises 15p to 170p 4p to 152p 58p to 916p 3p to 380p 8p to 385p 8p to 171p 6p to 385p 7p to 120p 7p to 120p Beaverbrook Boots Municipal Norfolk C Grp Richardsons W 2p to 15p 5<u> չ</u>p to 50p Crane Fruehauf Smith WR 'A'
Steel Bros
Takeda Edr 15p to 295p 30p to 775p 10p to 480p 2p to 20p

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Friends Provident

Horizon Midlands

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Legal & General Assurance

Antony Gibbs

Equities made good progress.

Gilt-edged securities rose on MLR. Dollar premium 118.375 per cent (effective rate 43.623 per cent). Sterling was 3 pts down at \$1.7193. The "effective devaluation" rate was 61.7 per cent.

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Gold was down \$0.5 to \$148.625. SDR-S was 1,16006 on Thursday while SDR-E was 0.674728. Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1729.9 (previous 1737.7).

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Coal board made a small profit last year The National Coal Board

made a small profit last year after meeting increased interest charges of £80m, Sir Derek Ezra, chairman, said yesterday, but he was unable to give the precise figure. The surplus would go towards meeting the board's continually rising inter-est charges which were expec-ted to top £120m in the present financial year.

Sir Derok said the board

would be investing about £400m in developments and was seeking help from the Government with meeting interest payments. These talks had not been "very fruitful so far." The NCB had been forced into an accelerated investment programme to compensate for the years of decline in the no new capital spending.

About £120m in revenue was lost through a fall in coal output of at least six million tons during 1976/77 caused by poor

productivity. Sir Derek said productivity

was beginning to improve and

shift compared with 43.6 cwt

the previous year.

By Ray Maughan

ted Mr P. L. Ainger of Price Waterhouse and Mr R. A. Morritt, QC, to investigate and report on the affairs of Gilgate Holdings and Raybourne Group under Section 165 (b) of the

duct towards its members. Gilgate is a quoted property investment and dealing group which also deals in quoted securities. Both Raybourne and Gilgate are based at Bray-on-Thames, Berkshire, and share

losses of £90,000 for the year to end-June last against the previous deficit, and although the accounts for the period are still to be published the board also stated that profits for the six months to end-December

total of £672,000 against £1.09m The shares are currently quoted at 81p for a market capitalization of £267,000. Mr Turrico Parrett a former

last year. non-executive director in May

Hopes fade for early settlement of Ford Halewood dispute

By R. W. Shakespeare Northern Industrial

Hopes have faded of an early settlement of the strike by 1,000 skilled engineers which has stopped all car production at Ford's Halewood plant on Merseyside and made 8,000 other works other workers idle.

Shop stewards representing the strikers yesterday rejected a proposal to refer their grievances over representation in the company's negotiating machinery, for interpretation by national union officials and senior company management.

This proposal had emerged from five hours of talks on Wednesday between the Halewood management, and including Dagennam, officials of the Amalgamated including Dagennam, operating.

Union of Engineering Workers operating.

But with the strike by the engineering and wood management, district shop-floor representatives.

return to work.

But a spokesman for the acceptable, and no meeting had been called. He added: " is a purely local issue, and the ball is now back in the company's court." So far the shutdown of both

the bodymaking and car assem-bly areas at Halewood has lost

of Ford's top-selling Escort car. Losses will rise to about £10m by the end of this week. The transmissions plant at Halewood, which supplies gearboxes and other compone..... not only to its own assembly lines but to other Ford centres,

gineers-mainly toolroom and It had been hoped that the maintenance men-now certain would accept the to continue into next week,

formula and call a meeting of problems will start to arise over the strikers to recommend a keeping the transmissions department in full production. The engineers' dispute began

stewards said the plan was not over the suspension of 8 acceptable, and no meeting had workers for holding an unauthorized meeting during working hours, but when the suspension ended on Monday the engineers decided to stay out, claiming that the skilled groups are under-represented on the company's national and local negotiating structure.

production of some £8m worth There is a longstanding disenchantment over the erosion of skilled status and pay differen-

Meanwhile, Leyland's Jaguar car plant at Coventry is still of production because of the strike by 80 internal truck

Some 5,000 workers are laid off from the Jaguar assembly lines and this week's production of vehicles worth about £2.5m has been lost.

Llanwern men decide against strike action

The electricians, whose official strike has closed the Port Talbot steelworks, failed yesterday to spread the dis-pute to the Llanwern steel plant, 50 miles away.

A meeting of more than 300 Llanwern electricians, decided against action that would have led to the crippling of the Llanwern plant. But they made it clear that they support the 520 Port Talbot strikers and are prepared to reconsider the decision on action if necessary.

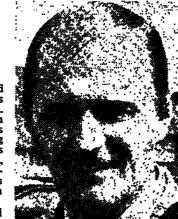
They also agreed to pay £1 a week each to help support the strike. This will provide about £430 a week for the Port Talbot electricians strike fund which now stands at £1,200.

Mr Wyn Bevan, the strike leader, went to Llanwern yesterday to explain the back-ground to the dispute and to

to a halt in two or three weeks. Llanwern takes its ore from Port Talbot, and the strikers are angry because ore handling equipment at Port Talbot is being maintained by foremen, who are now regarded as blacklegs, and whose work ensures that the supplies get through to Llanwern.

If Mr Bevan was disappointed by the Llanwern decision, he certainly did not show it. claring himself encouraged by the moral support of his Llanwern colleagues and the financial support they were giving. He said that, with money coming in to the strike fund from many parts of the country, the strike could go on indefinitely.

The electricians' claim for greater recognition and reward for skills is said by the manage-ment and the men's union to be



Mr Wyn Bevan: encouraged by moral and financial support of colleagues

upset pay structures throughout their industry.

Yesterday Mr Bevan showed a copy of an agreement made in Steel Corporation and craftsmen at the Shepcote Lane steel electricians not to main-impossible to meet because it works in Sheffield, which gives iron ore handling would offend the pay code and the men an extra £3.20 a week.

National forum 'could set pay award level'

afford. It would also mean emloyers getting back into negotiation, and with the unions establishing appropriate re-wards for skill and differ-

two or three short-haul jets. The

likely being European. Capital required for other than aircraft finance would be around

within what the nation could

More curbs on clothing textile imports and stainless steel

Controls on imports of stainless steel and clothing and textiles were announced by the Government yesterday. Ship-ments of stainless steel bar from Spain are to be the subject of a substantive duty from 8 to 16 per cent, according

to type and specification. In a further move to protect Britain's textile industry, the Department of Trade has announced restrictions on the volume of cotton yarn which can be imported from India for the rest of this year.

The move on Spanish stainless steel imports follows months of investigations after allegations of dumping made by the British Independent Steel Producers' Association. Until now the imports have subject of provisional duty of 10 per cent. The latest step represents the first substantive duty imposed by the trade department on

assurances that imports of stainless steel billets from Spain will cease when present contracts expire while imports of valve steels from the same source have already ceased. Next week Whitehall officials

The Government has received

steel imports.

Government officials in Vienna as part of investigations into the alleged dumping of high speed and tool steels in Britain by Austrian producers and similar talks with Swedish pro-ducers are to take place in London soon.

Private sector steelmakers, particularly those in the Sheffield area who have been pressing strongly for the Govern-ment to take strong action against unfair competition, last night welcomed the latest demonstration of the Government's willingness to take appropriate action

On the textiles front, the Government announced that imports of cotton yarn from India will be restricted to 5,500 tonnes in the period from the beginning of this month to the end of this year.

The previous quota expired at the end of last month but, said the trade department, imports would continue to be restricted because of their substantial increase last year and in the first two months of this year and to avoid serious market

Last year cotton yarn imports from India amounted to 6,199 compared with tonnes the previous year and

trade talks next month

Tokyo, April 21.-The EEC and Japan will open two-day bilateral ministerial consulta-tions here on May 19 to exchange views on the world economy and trade problems as well as trade relations between the two sides, Japanese Foreign Ministry officials said today.

The world economic situation multi-national trade negotiations for tariff reduction, the North-South dialogue and Japan-EEC trade are expected to be raised the officials said.

Japan's officials said the energy problem in relation to the United States new nuclear energy policy was also likely to be taken up. Ministerial consultations be-

tween Japan and the EEC, the first of this kind to be held since June 1973, will be fol-lowed by annual consultations between Japan and the Euro-pean Coal and Steel Community on May 23 and 24 to review steel demand and trade, they said.—Reuter.

EEC-Japan | Philips lease last of Strand block

By Our Estates Correspondent Philips Electronic and Associated Industries have taken a lease of the final 117,000 sq it of offices in Arundel Great Court, in the Strand. The space is in two blocks and the letting for a term of 25 years with five-year reviews.

This completes the occupation of the entire 328,000 sq ft office content of the scheme, which was carried out by Legal and General Assurance Society and Capital and Counties Pro-Co and completed last

Other tenants include Arthur Andersen and Co, Chemical Bank and Security Pacific National Bank. The development also includes the Howard Hotel, let to Barclays Hotels, and the total rent roll will be of the order of £3.5m a year exclusive. Matthews and Goodman acted for the Duke of Norfolk's trus-

tees throughout the negotiations and were letting agents for the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Burdens of

disclosure

requirements

From Mr David Mitchell, MP

for Hampshire, Basingstoke

(Conservative) Sir, Nicholas Hirst is to be

thanked for his timely reminder

of new burdens and new penal-

ties for company secretaries (April 18), but his reference to greater disclosure being "almost

caiversally welcomed as a step in the right direction" will bring a wry smile to the smaller fram and its overworked

director and company secretary.

Greater disclosure may have value to the community in the

case of those companies which

are sufficiently large that their activities and employment are

important to the area in which

they are lucated. It has none from the vastly greater number of small family businesses rang-

ing over village stores, public

houses, blacksmiths and small

engineering works.
It is time such businesses

were relieved of the work and

worry of compliance with dis-

closure and other regulations.

It is a burden to them, it adds

to public expenditure at the Companies Office and, far from

being either useful or "universally welcomed", it is almost universally condemned except by financial and industrial correspondents!

DAVID MITCHELL,

Chairman, Conservative Small Business

London SW1A OAA.

Britain not

From Mrs Kathleen Graves

Sir, in The Times today (April 19) the following news items

Finland's seaports close be-

ause of an indefinite strike

by marine mechanics in sup-port of electrical technicions.

daily papers because of a strike by the Typographical Federa-

tion who want a 40-hour week and a thirteenth month's salary.

Paris riot police expell

striking workers from General Motors's components factory which they had occupied for more than two weeks. The

workers want higher wages, a shorter working week, better working conditions and longer

alone

Civil Service pay: a recipe for conflict?

From Mr A. B. W. Flowerday Sir, Your leader (April 14) on public expenditure and the efficacy of the system of cash limits, in which much emphasis is placed upon the impact on public expenditure of increases in civil servants' pay, concludes with the proposition that "cash limits ought to be imposed not merely in expectation of the likely level of wage settlements, but as a definite statement of what the government is prepared to accept ".

While I agree with the principle of cash limits as a means of restraining govern-ment expenditure, I foresee clear dangers in what you pro-

Civil Service pay normally (the Civil Service Pay Agreement is currently in abeyance due to incomes restraint) is determined by the method of fair comparisons. The CSPA enshrines—by the fair comparisons procedure, the details of which are, no doubt, familiar to many of your readers—the concept that the government should be no more nor less than an average employer (in terms an average employer (in terms of remuneration)—a concept promulgated by the Priestley Royal Commission from whose report the CSPA was derived

It should be evident to those informed as to the operation of the CSPA that the prior imposition of cash limits with out regard to wage settlement expectation would be totally incompatible with the principle of fair comparisons and the concept of the "average employer " status of the govern-

Firstly, the setting of cash limits would be arbitrary—both as to the limits themselves and the amount of money available for pay increases—since, as you rightly indicate, normal market forces are absent in the context of Civil Service employment (there being no easily quanti-fiable output or regulatory competition).

Secondly, and as a result of this arbitrariness, the "imposition" of cash limits would imply imposition of pay increases deemed by the Government acceptable to it alone—a totalitarian approach deservedly evocative of fears of confronta-tion and strife, returning Civil Service pay (as before the in-ception of the CSPA) to the political arena permanently to

be subject to the vagaries and dogmas of governments. Thirdly, the Government 49 Oakley Gardens, would cease to be even an average employer; civil servants April 17.

would quickly become dis-enchanted and embittered to the detriment of the quakty and integrity of the service and, hence, ultimately of the coun-

try. Moreover, when considered in a situation of national incomes restraint, your proposal bears, at best, a ring of hollowness and, at worst, an inference of spiteful vengeance. For, in such a situation a civil servant should be no less eligible (or entitled) than any other employee to negotiate a pay increase limited solely by whatever incomes solely by

policy might be in force.
Thus, for civil servants not to receive less favourable treatnent under incomes restraint than other sections of the working population, each limits would have to take account of the level of serriements attainable under the incomes policy, ie, prior imposition of cash limits regardless of expected wage settlements would be im-

practicable. To impose cash limits to the exclusion of a pay increase for civil servants corresponding to that available nationally would be quite unjust and dividious. The mere existence and appli-cation to civil servants of in-comes restraint is their "contribution" to controlling public expenditure. Nobody should be expected to suffer a double dose

incomes restraint. Whatever criticisms might Whatever crimicals might justifiably be levelled against Britain's Civil Service, it is recognizably the best in the world; as the main force behind the orderly conduct of our national life, it is on important an asset to justify its spoilage.

Your proposition is, for the reasons I have given, in my opinion misconceived: it opinion amounts to a recipe for conflict which would hasten this country's demise. And who would be the Aunt Sally in this eventuality? Your newspaper? The Government? No; it would be the Civil Service itself!

Yours faithfully, A. B. W. FLOWERDAY, 52 The Moor, Melbourn, Royston, Herrfordshire SG8 6ED.

April 15.

From Mr M. Romberg Sir, Does not the Bullock vice unions will have to be given seats in the Cabinet? Yours faithfully,

CATHLEEN GRAVES. 4 Lyon Court, Mitcham Lane, London SW16 6LL

get away from pay control as mate employer in the public such once what the nation can sector—applying cash limits such, once what the nation can that would ensure settlement

the nation could afford to put aside for wages was suggested yesterday by Lord Watkinson, president of the Confederation of British Industry.

Speaking at a CBI luncheon in Cambridge, Lord Watkinson said he thought the new forum would have to be under inde-pendent chairmanship and in-volve the TUC and CBI.

afford is established and hopefully made part of the Budget, and thus debated in Parliament, it must be left to employers and employees to sertle their own pay problems in their own

This would mean the Govern-

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Manufacturers of non-woven textiles announcement weeks premature as much information as pos-sible, rather than continue to much information as pos-

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Points from Mr. B. L. Allen's Statement

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allow speculation to escalate. £500,000, the majority of which would be in the form of equity The airline, the operating name for which had yet to be decided, would fly private capital.
"Those expressing a definite scheduled services and incoming charter services, while operations on behalf of "cerindustrialists, leisure industry executives, a finance house, cer-tain airline people, and Middle East associates", Mr Guimane tain Middle East organizations " were being evaluated. Work would be available for

Boeing 737 and the BAC 1-11 were being evaluated. Finance was available from a £4m factory building programme for Wales A new advance factory build-ing programme in Wales costing f4m and creating space at 24

jobs, was announced today by the Welsh Development Agency. The programme comprises 61 factories totalling more than 300,000 sq ft. Work is to begin in the current financial year

the following year. About 80 factories are already under construction by the agency totalling 1,250,000 sq ft and the new programme will boost the total employment potential to

£2m Middle East orders for Levland

Goodwin Barsby & Co, one of the British Leyland special pro-ducts group, said yesterday that it had won Middle East orders worth more than £2m in a sales drive mounted since Leyland vas removed from the Arab asphalt plant for Qatar and a mobile crushing and screening plant for Dubai.

Protecting the name of 'engineer' Not the accountants,

From Mr L. T. Griffith Not Sir, Mr G. L. E. Metz's letter, course. seat (April 14) is reassuring. While it deplores the eroding standards of professional engineers, it shows that engineers, instead of going it alone, are greatly concerned with the incentives offered them and the future of their work.

The simple definition of an engineer used to be someone one penny that would cost any-one else one shilling to make. That still holds good Mr Metz explains, the banker and the accountant have mainly accoingishes are acia necessara for industry, but they are not equipped to be in the driving

seat and never will be. Some years ago there was a ase of conflict between accountants and engineers over big nationalized contract. The specification. The accountants found a cheaper alternative—and won. So, when the job failed, who assumed the responsibility?

They were only con-"Engineers into the driving cerned with costs. So the engineers were made the scape-goats despite the fact that their advice had been overridden by engineers to protect them from accountants.

arduous practical training and academic engineers can expect little more than many semi-skilled operathe motor industry

The 123-year-old Society of Engineers has consistently cam-paigned for the building of a strong bridge which leads from technician status to professional engineer. Engineering is not a a combination of experience and technical knowledge. An engineering degree is no proof only that he has the potential We disagree with the Council

insist that every new member should be a university graduate. While this is being demanded as a criterion, what have CE1 achieved over the last 12 years to improve the status of professional engineers?

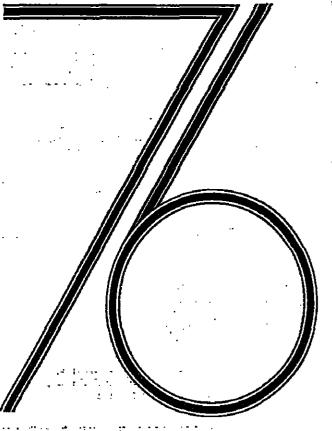
The Society of Engineers has the idea that anyone who wears The Government is trying overalls and wields a spanner to encourage more people to is an engineer. The term engin-enter the engineering profes- eer must be protected in law sion, but what incentives are as it is in America, Europe and engineer to be truly at his true worth?

The great engineers of the accountants. They were in com-plete charge of their enter--not an accountant nit-picking over the price of a length of cable which the engineer has specified.

As Mr Metz has said: let the engineers get into the driving

L. T. GRIFFITH,

BOUGHTER "... I remain optimistic about the prospects for the growth of Bowater" Lord Erroll of Halo



- ** Profits Up 48% worldwide with four-fold increase in the United Kingdom.
- * Dividend Up to 8.3p from 7.1p per share.
- * United Kingdom Considerably improved results in our Paper Company, record turnover and profits in Packaging, and an excellent year for the Furniture Group.
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- * International Trading A very successful year. Cotton trading profits well ahead of expectations.

- * Europe Implementation of our strategic plan continues. Over the last quarter of 1976 the European operations as a whole traded profitably.
- * Bowater-Scott The United Kingdom company enjoyed a successful year, with increased demand for its household tissue products; the Australian company had another good year.
- * Outlook A continuation of the recent improvement in earnings in the United Kingdom and increasing demand in North America. Our reorganisation in Europe and the Far East is proving successful and should benefit after-tax results of the current year. The trend indicated by the figures for the opening months of 1977 is encouraging.
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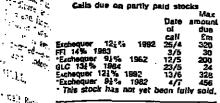
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Preparing for the gilt-edged call The final figures for the latest tailing-off in UK investment in-

banking/money supply year have yet to be published, but after the violent fluctuations of the past 12 months the outcome for year to mid-April is already to plain. Now we have a new 12-month horizon, new targets, and what, at least in theory, should be a rather more promising year in prospect. ing year in prospect.
Clearly, a great deal must deto pend on the shape of the next
round of incomes policy. But
in the meanime the gilt market
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had out as the takes below

already has certain prameters and our, as the table below shows. The first of the main calls on the partly paid gilts issued in the last banking year falls due on Monday, when investors will have to stump up (320m on the Exchequer 12; per cent, 1992 stock. The final Calls due on partly paid stocks



call, for a further E328m, falls on mid-June and, with the stock currently trading at just below par, the authorities will doubt-less allow themselves a quiet smile of self-sarisfaction.

After the initial fear that the large element of short-term investors attracted by the stock could lead to serious disruption of the market, the general feeling now is that the stock is in firm hands with the call money already budgeted for.

The main impact of Monday's call, then, is likely to be felt in the money rather than the in the money rather than the money market especially as the money market will also have to cope with the effects next week quarterly VAT payments of

(400m plus. Meanwhile, the Exchequer 9 per cent stock 1982, which found but few takers at the time of issue, is now standing right on par. The feeling on this stock seems to be that between a quarter and a half of the stock may have found its way into the market, but there is some doubt as to whether the stock has been taken up by short-term opera-turs or the long-term insti-

The Alaskan

boost President Carter's encouraging remarks about energy policy sent BP shares winging upwards once again yesterday. With once again yesterday. With strong US influences taking over just as UK buying interest seemed to be flagging after an Net assets £52.1m (£44.9m)
early gain of around 40p the Borrowings £7.14m (£13.2m)

price finally closed 62p to the good at 916p.

By proposing a well-head ceiling price of \$11.28 a barrel for Alaskan oil compared with outside expectations running as low as \$7 and planning. low as \$7 and planning to bring domestic prices up to the world price, Mr Carter has virtually stood Ford administration thinking on its head. He has also consured that BP will—in its covery phase with a two-fifths own words—be able to "maximise Alaskan oil revenues."
As a result BP shares now stand only 20p short of the

high reached earlier this year and the slump which dragged the shares well below £8 after the disappointing fourth-quarter figures has been almost fully

terest yesterday afternoon.
With anything between £800m and £1,300m of institutional funds committed to calls on partly paid government stocks between now and the first week in July one view is that the in July one view is that the sale will be withheld for fear of severely disrupting the

However, as the above table

shows there are seemingly enough gaps in the call programme to allow the placing to be introduced without causing undue alarm especially as the amount to be absorbed in the linial Kingdom could be limit United Kingdom could be limited to well under £300m as a result of American interest. Some large tranches of insti-Some sarge tranches of insti-tutional funds may have been held back in anticipation of a sale, but even so there are strong grounds for thinking that the Government may decide to hold back at least until the autumn. The stake has and still does represent an apparently comforting nest-egg and one which the Government may well be inclined to sit on until economic calculations are more clearly interpreted towards the

Hepworth Ceramic

The rights

sweetener Hepworth Ceramic is record as wanting to provide a better return for its shareholders and, by raising its dividend for 1977 by 53 per cent to 5p gross with its one-for-four £11.5m rights issue, it has done just that. As with the Rockware issue earlier this week, the need for the money is

hardly pressing. A significant increase in volume would appear to be needed this year to mop up all the balance sheet cash and with steel and construction still in the doldrums worldwide, this is,

perhaps, unlikely. But if a key to the issue is needed, it could lie with the plans of management, which is plans of madagement, which is at present very expansion minded. Hepworth has just borrowed \$16.8m to finance the acquisition of a United States Clayware company, and it could be that the attractions of strengthening the capital base coupled with the dividend sweetener were too strong to resist.

An ex-rights yield of 8! per cent with the shares up 5p at 61!p, in a company which has increased profits as volume has fallen and should more than maintain earnings per share, leaves plenty of room for an

increase in the price. Accounts: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £61.7m

Pre-tax profit £18.8m (£12.9m)
Earnings per share 9.01p (6.37p)

Increasing investment

the slightly higher tax charge owing to unrelieved losses in Germany of £1.8m and a near 50 per cent jump in minorities has trimmed back the iprovement at the attributable level to 29 per cent at £19.3m. present the group is ig on "selective expan-Figures has been almost fully reversed.

At the same time yesterday's climb added f41m to the value of the 17 per cent stake in the oil group which the Government has committed itself to selling. That stake is now worth over f600m and thoughts that now might be as good a time as any for Bank of England to make a move may have been a significant factor behind the slight

gross with hopes to raise it to the earlier 8 p level without any fall in cover as soon as pos-Not that the need for this is much more pressing than last

year. Exchange movements still complicate the underlying posirion, accounting, for example, for a third of the £59m rise in net current assets, but the £49m rise in borrowings last year pushed up gearing by no more than 5 points to 66 per cent.

For the rest the trading picture has been uneven though even more than before Dunlop has benefited from its overseas breadth. In tyres replacement demand at home along with a strong export trend has been offset by price controls and competition in Europe with the result that overall margins have suffered but the group has adsuffered but the group has ad the help of an exceptionally strong year in the United States (helped by the rubber workers strike). Tyres' contribution to operating profits has fallen 8 points to 52 per cent but that is in part a reflection of strong growth in the consumer and industrial divisions. Growth seems likely to flatten

out this year with £90m pre-tax a reasonable target for earnings the shares loo ksoundly based selling on 51 times historic earnings and yielding 6.8 per cent at 103p. For the record, though it matters not one jot to Dunlop, Union results looks healthier now that Industric Pirelli is back in the black.

1976 (1975) Capitalization £101m Sales £1,289m £1,015m Pre-tax profits £73.3m (£52m)

Earnings per share 19p (14.7p) Dividend gross 7p (5.5p) Clearing banks The question

of charges Great though the temptation may be, it is virtually incon-ceivable that the clearers will use the opportunity presented by their next cut in interest rates to widen again the gap between what they charge to borrowers and offer to lenders. At 4! per cent this "retail margin" is already more than double the traditional two point gap, and already the banks are taking almost as much to cover their costs as they pay for the use of seven day deposit

account money. The problem is, though, that as rates fall and the endowment benefit that comes from using the "free" money kept in curaccounts declines, those costs are covered a lot less well than they were when interest rates were high. This explains why all the banks are now looking hard at the possibility of increasing their charges to

The present situation is, as various clearing bankers have recently been at pains to point out, anomalous. Costs, and particularly the costs of running the house have been seen to be the base of the the branch network, have risen sharply since the turn of the decade, while the banks' ability to cover them has—in the absence of a similar increase in charges—depended almost entirely on the ups and downs of interest rates.

Since a significant cut in

costs appears to have been ruled out-holding back the rate of increase seems to be the most the banks are hoping for
—an increase in charges to com-

seeds of success in Cambridge

Treasury loan of £200,000, the National Seed Development Organization, has so far made surpluses of over £3m and must have a claim to be the most profitable of state agencies. The Treasury loan was paid off within four years and more than £1,220,000 went to various government departments from it in the last complete financial year. The organization was set up in 1967 to market the crop

produced by statefinanced plant breeding at home and abroad.

western Europe generally.

When the last of the Treasury loan was paid off, the share capital was increased to £300,000 by capitalizing reserves and divided among the eight governors, sitting as trustees for the Minister of Agriculture The Ministry pockets the divi-dends and, since 1974, half the royalty receipts. Normal corporation tax also applies.

Total staff number 54, including those responsible for sowing, supervising and harvesting 1,000 acres of cereals on farms in the neighbourhood of the headquares at Newson 1,000.

again for public sale—up to two generations for cereals and one for some other species. Overseas selected large seed firms and co-operatives act as agents for their own regions.

The actual collection royalties, on sales of seed and

other propagating material by licensees, is farmed out to the Plant Royalty Bureau. This body analogous to the Performing Rights Society in the entertainment field, acts for most private breeders as well and collects royalties in bulk from the trade.

organization also handles a wide range of grasses and legumes, root and forage craps (including 16 potato varieties), vegetables, fruit and even a few flowers, from 15 breeding stations in the United Kingdom.

A striking examples of this is with tomatoes; under a recent agreement Poland will be taking over the next three years f130,000 worth of seed and pay f50,000 in royalties for the Littlehampton - bred variety

potential are the dwarfing root-stocks for apples, plums and cherries developed at East Malling These promise sub-stantial cuts in the high labour costs traditionally associated with orchard fruits.

Sowing the

Despite all the political man-neuvring over whether Britain

stations; many of these new qualified for royalties from users under new legislation designed to give breeders generally a better recoupment for their work. It took over responsibility for multiplying, promoting and selling basic material to licensed trade outlets, collecting any appropriate royalties and sponsoring testing This monopoly proved unex-pectedly profitable in the cereal

sector, as a number of very high-yielding wheats began to appear from the Plant Breed-ing Institute, in Maris Lane, Trumpington, Cambridge, ia particular, Maris Huntsman

Huntsman has occupied about a third of the total domestic wheat acreage in recent year-and has opened up an impor-tant export business, first in pre-basic and basic seed and then in royalties. EEC entry also facilitated sales into

its headquarters at Newton Hall Cambridgeshire. In the United Kingdom prebasic and basic seed goes to the seed trade, who multiply it

pose. Such a scheme could in-volve raising very large funds for the IMF on commercial markets. The Witteveen scheme

Though cereals have been the biggest money spinner, the organization also handles a week. The Saudis are being asked

Hybrid kales from Cambridge and hybrid rye grasses from Aberystwyth have recently be-come important items in the Occasionally a British-bred variety turns out to be even more suitable for some overseas situation than for domestic use.

Pagham Cross.
Also with a growing export

Roger Vielvoye

Time to stoke up the fires of coal technology

The 850-foot high chimner of shire is the tallest in Europe and dominates the surrounding countryside, including the nearby Selby coalfield development. Plans are now being advanced through a political minefield that would allow the second stage of the power station to proceed, which would make Drax the biggest coalfired power station in Europe.

Despite all the political man-

needs another large power station and who should pay for it, one thing is certain: if contracts are placed for the £600m second stage of the generating unit, they will employ the same basic technology for producing electricity from coal that has not changed fundamentally for decades.

Of course, the techniques for burning coal under boilers have been refined to make the whole process less messy and more efficient. But power station designers cannot escape from the need for tall chimneys, a certain amount of environmental pollution, and although the boilers are much larger they

still employ the basic tech-niques that have been in use throughout this century.

has seen since the advent of cheap oil and gas after the Second World War. With a contracting coal industry during this period few people were interested in ploughing money into developing new techniques

into developing new techniques for burning coal.

A few miles north of Drax, work has started on clearing part of an old colliery site at Grimethorpe where an experimental fluidized bed combustion plant will be built at a cost of £17m. It will be the first serious attempt for many years to perfect a new method years to perfect a new method of burning coal and is being funded jointly by Britain. West Germany and the United States. Work on the equipment for the plant has already started in all three countries and the job of assembling the new unit is expected to begin next year with the first steam raised by the new methods in 1979.

Impetus for the new plant came through the International Energy Agency which was set up in 1974 to provide the westup in 12/4 to provide the west-ern industrial countries with an emergency oil-charing plan to be implemented should oil supplies be interrupted again.

But as well as acting as a foil to the political objectives of some oil-producing countries, the IEA has also promoted a programme for developing alternative sources of energy to imported oil imported oil.

The IEA was quick to realize

that coal was seriously ham-pered as an ahernative by this lack of modern technology for burning the fuel in a more effi-cient and environmentally less chiorical environmentally less objectional manner. The programme for the development of fluidized bed combustion techniques was one of its most ambitious projects but other research of this sort has been contained by lack of resources both in terms of finance and expertise.

But the advocates of coal are now hoping that President Carter's energy message will power that the coal research programme has lacked so far. The President told Americans that he plans to divert coal into industries using oil and gas by taxing these fuels—a move that will be extended to electricity generating utilities in 1983. One of the main objections to greater use of coal in the United States has been the environmental opposition to

more extensive open-cast mining operations—or strip mining as it is known in the United States. President Carter plans to guard against a renewed outcry from conservationist groups by introexpansion of mining operations An immediate follow-up to

this work is likely to be better coordinated research into the production of synthetic natural gas and oil products from oil and greater interest in methods to realize the huge volumes of oil contained in a belt of shale rock in the American Rockies. In Britain President Carter's

energy proposals have been welcomed, and in particular those for giving special tax concessions to users of solar power and householders and industrialists who are prepared to nvest in more efficient ways of insulating their homes and Governments in Britain and

Europe have nibbled at the problems of incentives for better insulation, but so far the response has been disappe ming, mainly because it is thought that these proposals do not go far enough.

David Blake looks at options for increasing the IMF's resources

A 'dollar window' for the IMF?

Increasing fears that Saudi Arabia will not make a large contribution to proposed plans to increase the International Monetary Fund's resources of some \$6,000m is leading to finding an growing interest in finding an alternative source of support. One idea which is being considered seriously though infor-mally at present is that the IMF should open a "dollar window" which would enable countries to borrow in the United States currency instead of in special drawing rights (SDRs). If the meeting of the Interim Committee next week decides that the chances of getting enough money from Opec countries to come close to the \$16,000m target are not looking good, there may be a move to explore ways to get round the legal difficulties which dollar lending would

efforts are being made at the moment by Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director of the fund, to get a firm promise of financial support from the Saudis and other oil producing countries in time for the countries in the countries that the SDR may go down in value against the dollar in coming years, so that anyone countries that the SDR may go down in value against the dollar in coming years, so that anyone countries the countries that the SDR may go down in value against the dollar in coming years, so that anyone contributing their own currently and receiving sDRs in the countries of the countries are contributed to the c still far from dead. Intensive efforts are being made at the moment by Dr Johannes Wittecountries in time for the meeting of the fund's Interim Commirree in Washington next

to provide something like 30

50pc support from Opec sought

per cent of the total funds for the new facility, with contribu-tions from other oil-exporters raising the total Opec contribu-

raising the total Opec contribu-tion to 50 per cent.

But although Dr Witteveen
is believed to remain optimistic about the chances of
getting money from the Saudi
Arabians and success remains
a very real possibility, a growing number of people seem to
feel that he was too optimistic
about the response which he about the response which he These promise subts in the high labour dirionally associated and fruits.

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which the Saudis will be will- if they placed their funds in ing to change their traditional dollar markets. investment strategy.

Although the Saudis may well be prepared to make some conreally does need some large source of funds to see it

tribution to a Witteveen propo-sal there is uncertainty about whether they will make a large some attention is now being enough contribution to enable given, therefore, to the idea of the fund to raise the \$16,000m allowing it to lend in dollars which Dr Witteveen wants. Two possible reasons are being advanced for the Saudi failure to meet the deadline

for responding to the Witte-reen proposals. One is that the Saudis want to go on spreading their investment through Western commercial banks rather than using official channels. The urge to keep their funds is seen as a prime motive for this. The other problem is that

the Saudis may be suspicious about taking the exchange risk involved in dealing in special drawing rights, which are the composite units in which all fund lendings must be made. Most expert opinion suspects

do all the financing of deficits and that commercial banks will ever, for a growing number of countries, especially in the Mediterranean, commercial sources of funds are now closed while deficits commune. The introduction of the IMF as an official source of finan cing is seen as being a way of hriveing more "conditional" lending to countries such as Spain and Turkey.

explains the almost

universal rejection of anything

more than a purely nominal increase in SDRs, while in-

creased quotas, although they are likely to come about (somewhere in a range be-

tween 25 per cent and 50 per cent) would not help countries

in greatest need.

There is still a strong feeling

countries other than the

The need for

Even if the Saudis were not prepared to contribute even in dollars, the fund would be able to raise substantial funds in

through the next few years,

allowing it to lend in dollars which would mean that it could borrow in dollars with-our taking on any exchange

Role of the commercial banks

dollar markets which could give it the \$10,000m to give it the \$10,000m to \$12,000m which most estimates suggest is necessary to cope with the problems facing the

United States that the implementation of the OECD "safety net" of \$25,000m is the most legical way of helping most of the countries in greatest difficulty since they tend to be members. America is still saying it can fund.

There is general agreement Congress in spite of strong that the fund cannot expect to pressure from the Japanese.

FRIENDS' **PROVIDENT** "POSITION OF GREAT STRENGTH"

New Sums Assured £679.0m Funds at the end of the year £506.1m

Life Premium Income £67.7m

Highlights from the Statement by Edwin W Phillips, MBE. Chairman of Friends' Provident Life Office.

UNITED KINGDOM AND REPUBLIC OF IRELAND Record Bonus Declaration ~1976 was the last year of a triennium and

we were pleased to announce bonus rates at record levels on all classes of with-profit contracts in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. For with-profit life assurance policies in the United Kingdom, the declared rate of reversionary bonus of 4.40% compound, together with a terminal bonus of 20% provides a return to policyholders which places us amongst the leaders in this market." The fact that we have been able to declare

these high rates of bonus after a triennium in which economic conditions have been as difficult as at any other period in the history of the Office, demonstrates the success of the policies we have pursued, the inherent strength of the Office and its ability to withstand the most adverse conditions." New Business Results

outstanding growth of over 50%, 1976 was a satisfactory year for new business in the United Kingdom with both new premium income and sums assured increasing by a further 8%."
"In the Republic of Ireland there was, once again, good growth in ordinary life business and in

"Having regard to the previous year's

the production of group schemes for pensions and permanent health insurance." On-Line Computer Service

"The development of our major computer

systems has continued in an extremely satisfactory manner and we now have terminals operating in all our branches. The sophistication and service capability of these modern systems is bringing to the Office recognition as an industry leader in the use of advanced computer technology."

OVERSEAS "In Australia, we are pleased to report a

dramatic strengthening of our organisation. In the middle of last year we received approval from the High Court, completing the formalities in connection with the amalgamation of the long-term business of Phoenix Life Assurance Company of Australia with that of our own. Since the year end we have entered into a similar arrangement to take over the long-term business of the Equitable Life and General Insurance Company Limited.*

"With these two amalgamations, we will have quadrupled our life fund in Australia which will exceed A.S100m." "In Canada, our subsidiary Fidelity Life

Assurance Company had another successful year." INVESTMENTS

"During the year we made net investments of £47.2m in the United Kingdom at a yield of 15.2%.£56.4m was invested in gift edged,£0.9m in debentures and £2.4m in property.Apart from new money this was financed by net sales of ordinary shares of £5.4m and net mortgage repayments of £7.1m." Increased Yield

"A pleasing feature of the accounts is the yield on the Fund which has increased sharply from 8.86% for 1975 to 10.18% for 1976." **Investment Position**

"Altogether the investment position of the Office is one of great strength."



FRIENDS' PROVIDENT LIFE OFFICE HEAD OFFICE AT PIXHAM END. DORKING, SURREY RH410A.

Business Diary: Arthurian legend • ABTA's first lady No one can envy successor England, moved from chairmanship of the South Western Electricity Board, in taking over the Drax controversy. He cannot win. If the new man accedes to ordering the Yorkshire station ahead of time, without compensation, he will be branded Benn's puppet, and, if he resists, the Secretary of State for Energy may be driven to those methods of ministerial persuasion to which he has been opposed. retail and tour operating sides

That stocky fell-walking man of the moment, Sir Arthur Hawkins, is leaving the chairmanship of the Central Elec-tricity Generating Board, as

expected, with a bang.

Tony Benn, a believer in open government and a declared opponent of the lunch-time ministerial directive, bears no animosity towards the defiant Sir Arthur. Both men have a hardwhereness for each other healthy respect for each other, so there is no room for any ambiguity when ministers, sometimes prone to describe arm-twisting as consultation with heads of nationalized enterprises, seek to impose their points of view.

their points of view.

Fortunately, or otherwise, depending on where you stand on the issue of Drax B, Mr Benn knows that the doughty Sir Arthur has only 17 days left of his appointment before Glyn England, now travelling in Greece, takes over as number one man in power generation in England and Wales. Wales.
Sir Arthur is now engaged on a farewell tour of the

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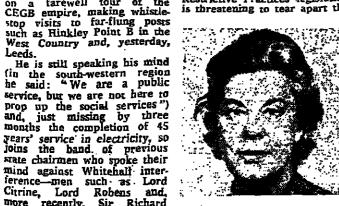
He is still speaking his mind (in the south-western region he said: "We are a public ne said: "We are a public service, but we are not here to prop up the social services") and, just missing by three months the completion of 45 years' service in electricity, so Joins the band, of previous state chairmen who spoke their mind against Whitehall interference—men such as Lord Citrine, Lord Robens and. Citrine, Lord Robens and, recently, Sir Richard

Margaret Hook, executive deputy chairman of Wallace Arnold Tours, part of the publicly quoted Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust group, has become the first woman president of the troubled Association of British Travel Agents. Mrs Hook takes over from George Skelton, chairman of Pickfords and president since 1972, at a critical time in ABTA's affairs. Application of the new

he has been opposed.

Spokeswoman

Application of the new Restrictive Practices legislation is threatening to tear apart the



ABTA'S Margaret Hook

One side, the retailers, want to take up the Office of Fair Tradiog's gauntlet and engage in a lengthy and expensive fight through the Restrictive Practices Court to keep at least one aspect of its operation. The other side the tour operators other side, the tour operators, do not. Mrs Hook's job is to re-cement the two sides into a common force. ABTA has already more or

less voluntarily given up most of its restrictive rules, including price maintenance and tour operators are making full use of their new freedom, effective from April 1, to give as many discounts off holiday prices as they like. The point over which the

retailers are digging in their heels concerns the rule that only ABTA member travel agencies can sell inclusive holidays. This rule, known as "Stabilizer" by the trade, is restrictive in the sense that it curbs competition from other retailers such as supermarkers, service stations or banks who want to set up as travel agen-cies. ABTA argues that the requirement protects consumers from incompetence and worse.

Bath's delight The Roman bath at Bath was

the scene of some unusual if decorous mixed bathing yester-day as the mayor, Miss Mary Rawlings, took the plunge with Sir Mark Henig, chairman of the English Tourist Board. Sir Mark was in Rash to promote Mark was in Bash to promote from London, or east to a number of "Roman heritage London, at Swindon and bus the trails" to seduce tourists away rest of the way between from London. The baths are Swindon and Bath. This was open for sightseeing or even thanks to a force older and



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"taking the waters" but not stronger either than Roman or normally for bathing, mixed or otherwise.

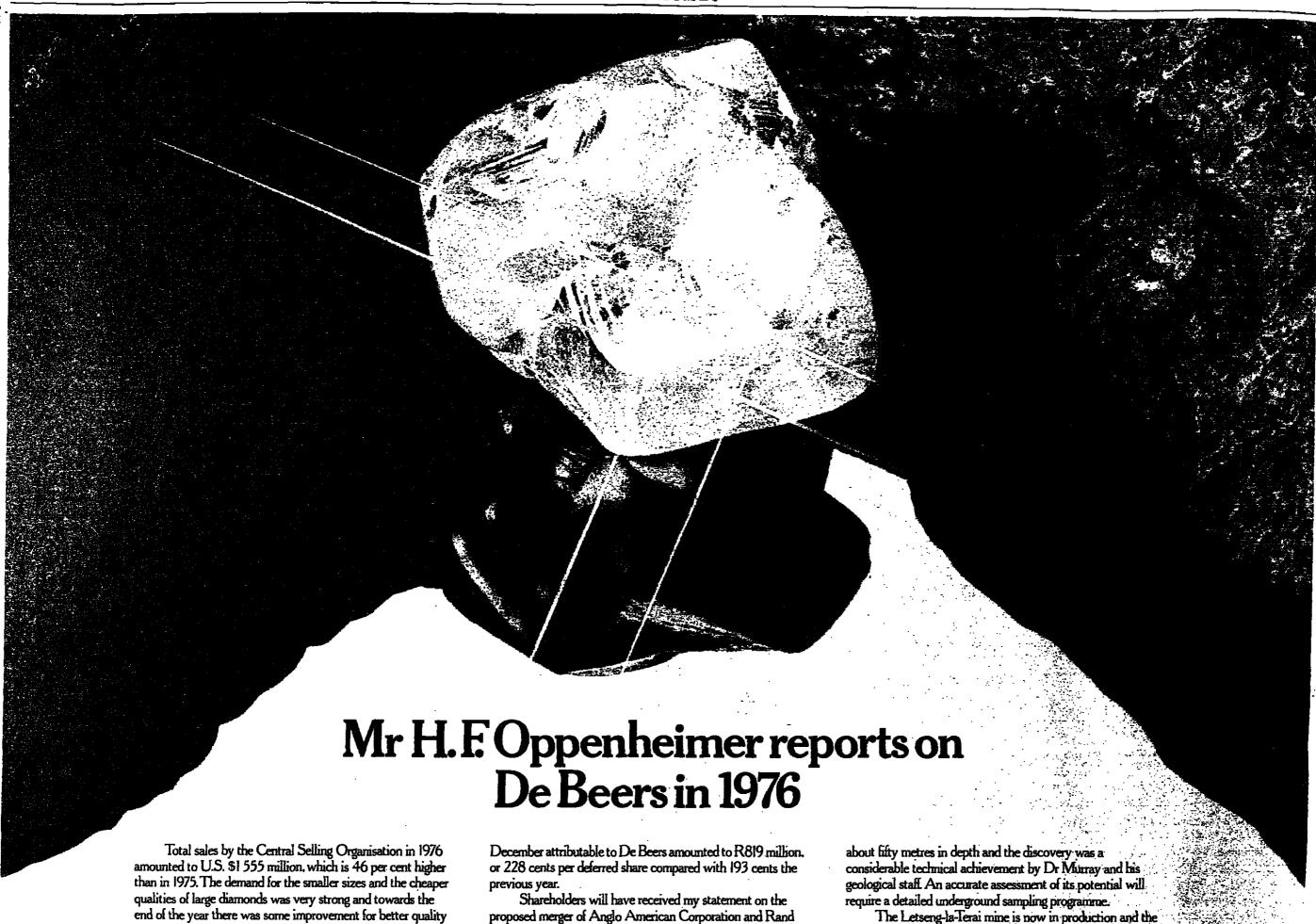
stronger either than Roman or modern British know how—the weather. ETB planners' hopes to appeal to the antiquarian and sybaritic tastes of the modern

tourist by showing that it was possible to travel from London to Bath by British Rail's new high-speed train in as little as 69 minutes, 28 minutes quicker than normal, had, however, to be put aside yesterday. Both ETB and BR spokesmen had hoped to draw neat parallels between the straightness and directness of the old

Roman roads and that of the train which recently made its debut on BR western region. But guests of Sir Mark yes-terday had to begin and end their high-speed train trip west Heavy rain after last summer's drought has caused earth to slip on a raised em-bankment under the line at Wootton Bassett, five miles west

of Swindon. The wooden piles and the chains put there by Brunel (the line was opened in 1828) are no longer enough to stop the slippage and BR may have to spend up to £1m on strengthening. "The Middle East provides an important export market for the sanitary ware industry. Shipments from Britain totalled over £2.5m in 1976. This was

not much greater than the value of exports in 1975 because some markets had been flooded by western imports that year." (Stockbrokers Savory Milln in their 1977 Building Book.)



large sizes also.

The market has continued to strengthen in the new year and in March the Central Selling Organisation announced an overall price increase of 15 per cent. The higher prices have not reduced demand and in the absence of unforeseen circumstances sales are likely to be maintained at a very satisfactory level in

Sales of industrial diamonds, were higher than in 1975 and reached a record. During 1976 a synthesised grit known as CDA, for use in the grinding of tungsten carbide, and a synthesised product, to which we have given the name Syndite were successfully introduced to the market.

De Beers' net consolidated profit rose from R220 million to R308 million last year, an increase of 40 per cent. Dividends on the deferred shares were increased by 25 per cent from 28 cents to 35 cents per share. Stocks of diamonds, at cost, amounted at the year-end to R227 million, a reduction of R77 million or 25 per cent compared with the previous year.

After deducting foreign loans, all of which have been used for investment purposes, the net value of the Group's investments was R539 million. The net current assets of the Group rose during the year by 83 per cent from R187.6 million to R344 million. Allowing for minority interests, the net investments, loan levy and net current assets at the 3lst

Selection Corporation. If the merger and elated transactions are carried into effect, De Beers interest in the enlarged Anglo American Corporation will be 30 per cent plus any shares it may acquire from the underwriting. The De Beers policy of diversification has been established and accepted ever since the Company participated on a large scale with Anglo American more than 25 years ago in the financing of the Orange Free State goldfield. De Beers requires for the security of its principal business to retain substantial reserves in cash and in other assets outside the diamond business. The underwriting of the Rand Selection issue is a continuation of an established policy and the amalgamation of Anglo American and Rand Selection will improve the quality and the long-term growth prospects of our principal investment outside the diamond

In Botswana the new Letlhakane mine, has been commissioned and full production at an estimated rate of 320 000 carats a year should be realised by the end of April. Construction work is in progress at Orapa to increase the capacity of the mine from 2.3 million to 4.5 million carats a year, and should be completed before the end of 1978.

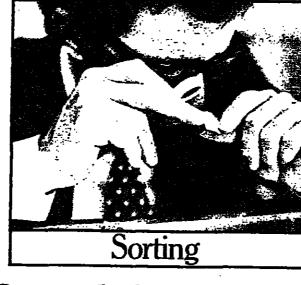
Prospecting continued during the year at a kimberlite pipe discovered in Jwaneng in the south of the country. The pipe is overlain by a sand and calcrete overburden averaging full estimated capacity of the plant should be reached by themiddle of the year. The profitability of this mine will depend on the production of a comparatively small quantity of large, high quality diamonds. Obviously its establishment on this basis involves risks but we are confident that our investment of R33 million will prove justified.

Good progress has been made in re-activating the Koingnaas project from which production at the rate of about 500 000 carats a year is due to begin next year.

The Premier mine is continuing to operate on a marginal Potentially this property has a very long life, and once operations have been established below the gabbro sill which. cuts across the pipe, it is expected that the grade should improve. Negotiations have been going on with the Government which envisage the leasing of the property by De Beers so that capital expenditure might be offset against mining profits from other sources and also certain other changes to reduce the burden of taxation.

Our annual report this year illustrates the activities of the Central Selling Organisation's marketing department in London, which continues to do excellent work in the interests not only of De Beers but of the diamond industry as a whole. Diamonds have ceased to be merely a luxury for the very rich and are now worn and enjoyed more and more extensively.





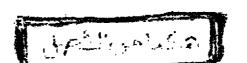


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Iata expects growth of 9pc in passengers on international routes

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
The International Air Transport Association (Iata) forecast a continuing growth for international passenger traffic in a report published yesterday.

"A healthy and sustainable level of economic activity in most major traffic—generating countries, and generally good export growth, should provide the simulus for business travel drough 1978", the report said.

"Similarly, the expected trends in consumer spending indicate a growing availability of discretionary income, which should help maintain a sound growth of pleasure travel in

the near term.

Is added that an 8 to 9 per tion of seats on offers which were actually sold) on this route. Senger traffic was realistic as a projection for the next two traffic was up 12 per cent in the senger load factor (the proportion of seats on offers which were actually sold) on this route.

Intra-European scheduled traffic was up 12 per cent in the senger load factor (the proportion of seats on offers which were actually sold) on this route.

years.
Scheduled international passenger traffic increased by 11 senger traine increased by 11 per cent in 1976, compared with an 8 per cent increase in capacity, reflecting cautious airline planning, lata said.

TV import 2,000 deliveries reach 20pc laid off By Malcolm Brown

By Our Commercial Editor tors of colour television sets reached 122,000 in February, an increase of 30 per cent over the same month last year, according to the British Radio Equipment (BREMA).

In the first two months of the year deliveries stood at 260,000 receivers, of which 20 per cent were imported. This compared with an import penetration in ne seme period last year of

There was a smaller increase in monochrome television re-ceiver deliveries. In February, 86,000 were delivered against 78,000 the previous year. The total for the first two months of this year of 156,000 was 5 per cent up on last year's figures. Imports accounted for 75,000 receivers, compared with

Deliveries of audio equipment have shown a sharp decline compared with the months towards the end of last year. Some 53,000 systems were delivered February, an increase of

6,000 on January.
Radio receiver deliveries totalled 366,000 in February compared with 410,000 last year. The exceptionally high January delivery figure means deliveries in the first two months of the year are still more than 30 per cent up on the same period of

improved economic conditions. A number of specific factors influenced a strong traffic recovery in 1976, especially the release of pent-up demand on some main routes but these were not expected to continue to boost traffic growth.

Traffic performance in the

to boost traffic growth.

Traffic performance in the regions was uneven. On the North Atlantic, passenger growth was up 14 per cent, including a 30 per cent growth in charter. This was a "significant recovery" after two successive years of negative growth.

Passenger capacity growth was a modest 4 per cent, which contributed to a marked improvement in the average passenger load factor (the proportion of seats on offers which

Intra-European scheduled traffic was up 12 per cent in response to the improved economic environment, with fares increases below the rate of inflation providing an addi-

tional srimulus.

But there was a 2 per cent airline planning, lata said.

The expansion of total Atlantic routes, and a decrease waffic had been relatively of 10 per cent on the South strong and reflected overall Atlantic.

architects

More than 2,000 architects have been laid off in the last 12 months, according to figures released yesterday by the Royal Institute of British Architects. The institute said that in the private sector, 41 per cent of all offices had reduced the size of their staffs.

About 1,200 people had found other jobs in architecture but more than 60 were still unemployed. Many people had the staff of t had to take jobs ourise the construction industry, ranging from sub-postmaster to pub manager, the institute said yes-

Another RIBA survey Another RIBA survey published yesterday shows that new commissions have continued to decline, from a total value of £765m in the third quarter of 1976 to £759m in the fourth quarter, an 8 per cent drop measured at constant prices.

prices.
The largest falls were in the public sector and in private bousing.

Private, commercial and in dustrial building were the only areas to show any improve-

Just over 50 per cent of private sector offices and 43 per cent of public offices reported a continued decline in workload over the past six months, the RIBA said. In the private sector 65 per cent of all offices have less than six months work shead of them.

Switzerland scraps curbs on import of banknotes

Geneva, April 21.—Switzerland is to rejoin the small fine and seizure of the illegal group of countries where you imports. A finance ministry can arrive or leave with a suitcase full of banknotes without Customs officials raising an eyebrow.

On April 21 last, the Swiss
Concentrated purples on last slowly come to Italy, where

On April 21 last, the Swiss Government put strict curbs on the import of cash in an effort to stem a heavy inflow, mainly from politically-troubled Italy, where it was feared the Com-munists would come into power.

Now that this is down to a trickle the Swiss Government—anxious both to restore the amions both to restore the country's image as one that allows free flow of money, and to rid itself of bothersome rules that have been nearly impossible to enforce—has decided to lift the restrictions.

The Government decree that will be scrapped on May 1 limited the import of banknotes to the equivalent of 20,000 trancs (£4,700) per person per quarter.

has slowly come to Italy, where the defences around the kira have gradually been lowered.
At the height of the lira crisis last spring, conservative esti-mates by Swiss officials were that capital from Italy was com-ing in at the rate of 20m Swiss

ing in at the rate of 20m Swiss francs per day.

Italian authorities had restricted both the export and import of lira notes to 35,000 lire (£23) per person, but they were unable to enforce the curbs effectively.

In an unusual gesture, Switzerland responded to Italian requests for curbs. In announcing them, Swiss officials said

ing them, Swiss officials said they were as much to protect the Swiss franc from a potential The penalty for contravening these restrictions could be three logical booster for Italy,

Industrial films

BP and Shell come up with award winners

Springtime provides several High Speed Train, and serves the double purpose of selling the concept overseas and showing, overseas and at home, the cademy of Film and Televidays of judgment for the spon-Academy of Film and Televi-Academy of Film and Television Arts has named its best short factual falm and best specialized film of 1976—BP's The End of the Road and Shell's Hydraulics, an interestingly contrasted double for the oil industry, the first a dramatic picture of the frozen isolation of Akaska's oil field, the second a beautifully clear description of the principle and the many applications of its title.

its title. A wider ranging assessment comes at the beginning of May, in the British Sponsored Film Festival, entirely reshaped this year. No longer in shaped this year. No longer in Brighton, it is to occupy the British Academy's Piccadilly premises for the first two weeks of May, when all the entries, 187 in film and video, will be screened in daily categories, so that safety officers, for example, or educationists, doctors or PROs, can see grouped together films of particular interest to them. Details from RISFA 26 D'Arblay Street, BISFA, 26 D'Arblay Street,

port Films have two notable new productions, Inter-City 125 (27 minutes) and The Finishing Line (26 minutes). The first is a very detailed description of the machine of the

the concept overseas and at home, the work of eight specialist firms involved in building the train.

The Finishing Line is quite another matter. Vandalism is a serious problem for British Rail, and the film is a brilliant effort to steer the 8 to 12 age group away from the idea. It pictures a fantasy school sports day on a stretch of working railway, with events ranging from last across the line to a tunnel walk, with a train going through at the same time, and ambulance men available for the maimed and the dead after each event. It needed courage to use so startling an approach, but it seems that courage is paying off in the school's reactions. courage is paying off in the schools reactions.

schools' reactions.

And there's more about oil. Shell have two films on the detail of oil extraction, Oil in Depth (21 minutes) explaining the painstaking and expensive assessment of what is likely to lie down under, and Offshore (26 minutes) on the development through half a century of oil recovery at increasing depths under the sea and increasing distances from shore. London, W.1.

Meanwhile the film makers are still busy. British Transport Films have two notable different matter from the two different matter in the moneer metres of water in the pioneer exercise in the Louisiana in exercise

Eynon Smart

EEC survey | Machine tool chief production is wants end to arguing still rising

By Edward Townsend results of the latest business survey in the European Economic Community show somewhat more marked divergences in economic trends among member states against a rather more favourable general background favourable general background, the European Commission the European reported today.

In its latest monthly graphs and notes on the Community economic situation, the Commis-sion also noted that industrial production continued to expand in early 1977 with the seasonally adjusted production index for the first time exceeding

Peak levels reached in 1974.
The Commission said the business survey carried out in late February and early March Showed an improvement in order books and production expectation in France, adding that this may be partly seasonal. Demand was apparently sub-stantially stronger in the motor vehicle, electrical engineering and chemical industry.

In the United Kingdom, the survey found, production expectations remained favour-able "and are indeed more satisfactory than in previous

In West Germany, the survey ound an apparently deteriorating business climate, especially in the capital goods and intermediate goods industry. The level of total orders and the utilization of capacity were both falling and production expectations were now less favourable. tions were now less favourable. Only the motor vehicle and consumer goods industries formed an exception to this trend, the business survey found. In Italy, demand apparently was still weak and managements'

production expectations re mained relatively pessimistic, according to the survey.
In Ireland, although order books have shortened, stocks of finished products were declining and managements were also

and revival to start

Britain's industrial revival would not be achieved while so much of the nation's energies were devoted to "introvert were devoted to introduct and partisan arguments", Mr George Trowbridge, president of the Machine Tool Trades Association, told a London seminar yesterday.

The country had become almost totally involved in arguments over sharing our an ever-diminishing cake and debating the rights of sections of society.

Too rarely was attention paid to the needs of the customers, without whom none of us can

Speaking to members of the Institution of Production Engineers, Mr Trowbridge tressed that to serve the needs of Britain's industrial customers better than the next man meant that "the muscles and sinews of industry, the people, the designers, draughtsmen, man-agers, shop floor personnel and salesmen must be competent and dedicated". He added that the marriage

of wealth, creative manufactur-ing industry and finance in a common cause with a common aim was essential, and perhaps urgent if a free enterprise City was to serve a free enterprise industry.

"A way must be found so

that manufacturing industry does not have to serve at all times two masters: one technical development and the other financial, both heavily loaded with the burdens of govern-ment demands, but with these both united in a common cause to serve the most important master of all—the customer." Materials: Sir Ronald McIntosh, director general of the National Economic Development Offica, will propose in Venice today that Britain should begin to develop a national strategy for materials management.

national Federation of Purchas-ing and Materials Managament, will point to the need for an awareness of the problems which lie ahead for the industrial countries in raw materials and will emphasize the close correlation between the con-sumption of materials and

energy.

He will suggest that the British strategy should be purely indicative, providing a framework within which government and industry could take their own decisions. One possibility he ill explore is that of financial incentives to industry on the lines of those already available under the programme for energy conservation. Dundee plea: The Scottish

Development Agency is being urged by Mr Gordon Wilson (Scot Nat) MP for Dundee East, to help to "infuse fresh life" in the Dundee textile machinery company of T. C. Keay which recently appointed a receiver and announced that 70 of its 170 workers were to be made In a letter to the SDA, Mr

Wilson said that Keay was one of the few survivors of Dundee's once thriving machine tools industry. It was an essential part of the city's industrial Sir Ronald, who is to address strategy that important the congress of the Intermaking skills be retained.



(Registered in England No. 89412) The Directors of The Pahang Consolidated Company Limited announce the following: (A) UNAUDITED PROFIT STATEMENT FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD **ENDED 31ST JANUARY 1977**

6 months to

	31.1.77		31.1	.76	to 31.7.76		
Output-Lode Tin Concentrates Metric Tons	1,041		965		2,002		
Sales-Lode Tin Concentrates Metric Tons	1,041 MS Σ		1,037 MS £		2,140 MS £		
Average Penang Net Price of Tin Concentrates (per Metric Ton)	10,039	2,368	8,545	1,624	9,130	2,065	
	M\$ (000's)	2 (a'000)	8M (2'000)	£ (000's)	M\$ (000's)	(s'000)	
Sales of Tin Concentrates after deducting Export Duty and Surcharge	10,455	2,466	8,863	1,684	19,538	4,420	
Mining Protit/(Loss)	1,519	358	(264)	(50)	325	74	
Dividends and Interest Receivable Exceptional Items	1,352 (105)	319 (25)	1,499 (1)	285 —	2,942 (1,050)	665 (238)	
Profit before Taxation Less: Malaysian Taxation	2,766 1,245	652 294	1,234 494	235 94	2,217 1,350	501 305	
Profit after Taxation Extraordinary Items	M\$1,521	£358 —	M\$740	£141	M\$867 M\$1,565	£196 £354	
Profit/(Loss) after Tax and Extraordinary Items	M\$1,521	£358	MS740	£141	MS(698)	£(158)	
Exchange Rates applied Malaysian \$ to £1	4.2			262	4.4	208	

(a) Mining Profit for the half year to 31.1.77 was M\$1,519.000 (£358,000). This compares with a loss of M\$264,000 for the corresponding period of last year. The lifting of tin restriction coupled with the increased tin price between the two periods was the major factor for a satisfactory turnabout in results.

(b) Profitability for the second half year is expected to maintain, and possibly show a substantial improvement provided the current high tin prices prevail.

(B) INTERIM DIVIDEND ON ORDINARY CAPITAL

The Board has declared an interim dividend on the ordinary capital of five per cent less Malaysian and U.K. Tax in respect of the financial year ending 31st July, 1977. This dividend is payable on 23rd June, 1977 to shareholders registered by 3.00 p.m. on 17th May, 1977. The Share Register will be closed from 18th May, 1977 to 23rd May, 1977 inclusive for the preparation of dividend warrants.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Edward Chan, Assistant Secretary (Malaysia)

1976 Results from

HAWKER SIDDELEY

"The larger part of the Group, which trades in electrical and mechanical engineering, is unaffected by the nationalisation of the aerospace interests"

The 1976 Annual Report, which will be posted to shareholders on 27th May, 1977 will include the following comments in the Directors' Report:-

Accounting presentation

In view of the impending nationalisation of the U.K. aerospace subsidiaries, Hawker Siddeley Aviation Ltd. and Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Ltd., the contribution of these companies to consolidated net assets and consolidated profits is shown separately.

Hawker Siddeley Canada Ltd. including its subsidiaries was previously shown separately in the consolidated accounts and to simplify the presentation this treatment has been changed and Hawker Siddeley Canada is now fully consolidated in the balance sheet and the profit and loss account.

The comparative figures for 1975 have been restated to reflect these changes in presentation.

Results

The total Group profit for 1976, after taxation and minority interests, amounts to £48.4m (1975:£30.2m), which, on the basis described above, comprises:-

	£m	£m
Group excluding UK aerospace subsidiaries UK aerospace subsidiaries	34.7 13.7	21.5 8.7
	£48.4m	£30.2n
Trading profits are analys	ed as follov	vs:'

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1976 ` £m	1975 £m
	400
27.3 34.8	18.9 18.7
13,3	15.1
£75,4m	£52.7m
£24.3m	£21.1m
	1976 £m 27.3 34.8 13.3 £75.4m

Financial Highlights 1976 1975 £m £m Group excluding UK aerospace subsidiaries 732 242 215 829 974 Exports (included in sales)
Direct exports from the United Kingdom –
43.7% of UK sales (1975: 43.1%) 299 **Trading Profit** Group excluding UK aerospace subsidiaries 75.4 24.3 UK aerospace subsidiaries 21.1 73.8 99.7 Profit after Taxation and minority 34.7 13.7 Group excluding UK aerospace subsidiaries UK aerospace subsidiaries 30.2 48.4 101.1p Earnings per Ordinary Share Dividends per Ordinary Share 6.7500p 6.1362p Recommended final 7.8825p 7.1661p

Including the imputed tax credit, the equivalent total gross dividend paid or recommended for 1976 is 22.5115p (1975: 20,4650p) and represents an increase of 10% compared with 1975. This is the maximum permitted under

the Counter-Inflation legislation.

Extraordinary item

The extraordinary item of £8.9m, shown separately in the profit and loss account and not forming part of the trading results for 1976, is an exchange profit arising on conversion into sterling of overseas net **Financing**

At 31st December, 1976 the net cash in hand of the Group excluding the UK aerospace subsidiaries amounted to £14.6m (1975: net bank borrowing £15.6m).

At 31st December, 1976 the net bank borrowing of the UK aerospace subsidiaries amounted to £17.3m (1975: net bank borrowing £25.7m).

Nationalisation of aerospace companies

The Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Act 1977 provides for the nationalisation of Hawker Siddeley Aviation Ltd. and Hawker Siddeley Dynamics Ltd. and the Government has decided that vesting should take place on 29th April, 1977. These companies will cease to be subsidiaries of the Group at that date.

The net book amount of the Group's interest in the companies at 31st December, 1976 amounted to £73.105m, comprising £20.055m for share capital and £53.050m for loans. The loans fall to be repaid to the Group after vesting.

Negotiations will start shortly with the Government for compensation for the value of the shares. Interest will be paid on the compensation from the date of vesting. The method prescribed by the Act for arriving at the amount of compensation is complex, and in the opinion of the Directors it is not in the interests of the Company that an estimate of the outcome should be given at present. It is, however, expected that it will exceed the book

The larger part of the Group, which trades in electrical and mechanical engineering, is unaffected by the nationalisation of the aerospace interests. It is expected that the proceeds will provide the opportunity for further development in these businesses, and in related fields.



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Annual General Meeting-The Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London, W1A 2HJ, Wednesday 22nd June, 1977 at 12 noon.

Legal & General achieves satisfactory results in a difficult year.

Against the uncertain background of 1976 the group operating profit of £11.1m is a satisfactory result. It has been achieved despite considerable pressures on financial and human resources and in market conditions which have been a long way short of ideal. This result enabled the board to recommend the maximum increase in the dividend payment to shareholders which is possible under current

Meeting Customer Needs

There continues to be a strong underlying demand for good occupational pensions and new pension scheme business in 1976 matched the previous year's exceptionally high level, despite the 'restrictions of the Government's pay policy.

New premium income from worldwide individual life business amounted to £20.1m against £16.4m in 1975. Substantial progress was made in the sale of savings and personal pensions contracts. General insurance premium income increased by 30 per cent to £109m. There was a loss of £3.7m on general insurance before investment income, principally as a result of meeting heavy claims from storms and subsidence in the U.K.

A Balanced Investment Portfolio

The Society looks for a balanced investment portfolio which will provide secure matching against its liabilities and the best possible return for with profit life and pensions policyholders and for shareholders. Net U.K. investment in 1976 totalled £224 million. The high yields available on government stocks made it attractive to increase holdings of fixed interest investments. Nevertheless, the Society played its part in the provision of fresh capital for industry through rights issues and through its proportion of the initial support given by the insurance industry to Equity Capital for Industry.

The Nationalisation Issue

The insurance industry's arguments against State intervention are overwhelming, and its resistance to this threat has the support of public opinion. The investigations of the Wilson Committee offer an opportunity to show that the industry is extremely efficient in performing its dual role of providing insurance services and investing funds, and that there is no case either for State ownership of the insurance industry or for State control over investment.

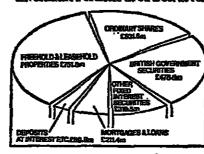


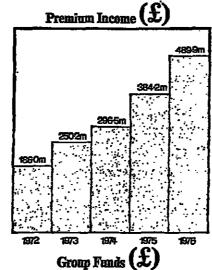
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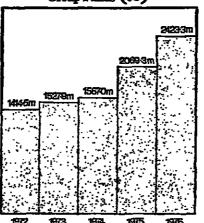
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•	1975 £m	
Group operating profit	9.7	11.1
Profits from long term business	6.6	7.7
Underwriting loss on general insurance	(4.6)	(3.7)
Shareholders' dividends	6.7	74
Investment incomte,	1419	1905
Payments to policyholdera	157.6	1914

Investment Portfolio at 31 Dec. 1976.







(Horizon Midlands Limited and subsidiary companies)

Fifth year as Britain's most profitable tour operator

	1975/76	1974/75
Turnover	£16,948,615	£14,329,827
Pre-tax profit	£1,374,028	£1,051,944
Profit after Taxation	£643,622	£496,585
Dividends	£124,994	£113,631
Profit retained	£468,628	£382,954
Cumulative profits retained	£1,228,199	£759,571
Earnings per Ordinary Share	14.62p	11.28p
Dividends per Ordinary Share	2.84078p	2.58253p

- Pre-tax profit of £1,374,028 represents an. increase of over 30% compared with last year, and constitutes another record.
- For the fifth successive year we claim to be the most profitable tour operator in the country.
- 1976 summer bookings showed a drop of approximately 3% on 1975 and winter 1976/77 was
- Bookings for summer 1977 indicate the company is outperforming most major competitors in a difficult market. Overall bookings are 10% down on last year, but over the last few weeks have picked up and are

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- now running at levels unequalled for the time of year. The trend is continuing. At this point it would be unrealistic to expect to
- match last year's record, but substantial profits are expected in the current financial year.
- We should see an improvement in the basic trend of foreign holiday bookings if the E stabilises or improves its position, and if spending power increases again as the result of lower taxation and a more buoyant economy.
- The company continues year by year to strengthen its financial and administrative base, and its position in the market.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

BP leads the way on Alaska

further pay restraint, subsequent demand was just enough to sustain prices at their higher levels.

While of particular benefit to oil shares, President Carter's decision to treat Alaskan oil as a special case was a further general sustaining factor and by the close the FT Index was 6.2 up to 418.7, its best level of the day.

Money market indications of a further quarter-point cut in the Minimum Lending Rate reversed earlier scepticism on this point and prompted a live-lier trade than of late in the

gilt-edged market.
At the long end, a steady demand brought gains of be-

WH Smith's 20p jump to 482p owed most to recent profits and a shartage of stock. But the word is that the group would like to espand by acquisition its new D-I-I hobby business, Smith Craft, which is proving highly successful. This could also be a loophole for raising the dividend.

tween one-half and five-eighths. "Shorts" continued their late

"Shorts" continued their late strength of the previous session and after improving progressively throughout the day, closed up to five-eighths better. While the 10 point-plus improvement of the past two days has pleased market men, mutterings are started to be heard in the broking fraternity about the level of business. Bargains marked are currently about 5,000 a day and with the pay negotiations overshadowing the market, little improvement is seen in the short run. Many feel there could be a repeat of last summer's lean times.

After an initial mark-up on interest-rate hopes and the Scottish TUC's decision to back further pay restraint, subsequent demand was just enough to sustain prices at their higher levels.

Pride of place in the equity pre-statement gain of 2p to 3p to 141p. In spite of bid market went to RP, now an 103p. Turner & Newall rose 3p denials, Tecalemit 34p to 105p and Thomas Jourdan 3p to 41p as American buyers came in figures and of 50fp after earlier as American buyers came in Shell also benefited with a rise favoured were Fisons 8p to 674p to 502p and Royal Dutch 286p. Gleva 7p to 480p CEC.

After its approach, English &

of 24p to 502p and Royal Dutch 336p, Glazo 7p to 480p, GEC closed £1.25 ahead at £48.25. After Wednesday's sharp gain of figures, Burmah held steady at 66p.

Though there were risons op to 336p, Glazo 7p to 480p, GEC by to 171p and ICI 4p to 354p. News of an approach helped centre Hotels to rise another at 66p.

Though there was some slight issues to continue their strength disappointment with the divi-dend, Dunlop's figures pleased and the shares held on to their to 58p and Trust Houses Forte

Latest dividends

Company	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
(and par value)	ďiv	ago	date	total	year
Alginate Inds (25p) Fin	8.5	8.5	1/7	12.5	12.5
L. Caird & Sons (£1) Fin	7.43	6.75	31/5	7.43	6.75
atalin (25p) Fin	2.1	1.91	10/6	2.68	2.43
Junge Wares (10p) Inc	0.4	0.87	12/5	2.00	3.04
Duniop Hidgs (50p) Fin	2.6	1.95	13/5		
Kuala Selangor (10p) Fin	1.54	1.4	~~	4.55	3.57
rudia Sciangui (10p) Fili		1.04	27/6	1.54	1.4
Andrew R. Findlay (25p) Fin Jopeng Cons (25p) Int	3.5	3.5	16/6	1.7	1.54
indent come (524) Int			4/7		13.0
J.H.P. Group (£1) Fin	5.04	4.86	4/7	8.04	7.31
lighlands & Lowlands					•
(M.50c) Fin	7.5*			20*	
Iorizon Midlands (5p) Fin	2.02	1.83	21/5	2.84	2.58
esite & Godwin (10p) Fin	2.89	2.52	31/5	4.06	3.69
dn & Holyrood			-i		
Tst (25p) Fin	2.2	2 1.7	22 <i>[</i> 7 ·	3.2	2.7
eneral Scottish (25p) Fin	2	1.7	6/7	3 .	2.7
Martonair Int (20p) Int	1.58	1.44	19/5		3.36
dedminster (10p) Sec Int	U.4		19/5	0.8	_
Loorhouse &	3.4	24	40.0	4 50	
Brook (20p) Fin	3.7	3.31	16/6	4-37	3.98
homas Marshall (25p) Fin	1-22	1.02	1/6	2.22	2.02
ondon & Provincial Fin	2.0	1.9	22/7 .	3.0	2.6
longkong	4 214	1.45	24 /6		
(Selangor) (10p) Fin	2.65	2.41	21/6	4.55†	1.62
larold Perry (25p) Fin	4.03 1.75	1.59	1/7	4.86	4.42
urbeck Group (25p) Fin	1.73	0.5	210	3.48	3.16
leed & Smith (50p) Fin	7.00	0.5 1.75†	3/6	2.08	1.0
ichardsous, West (50p) Fin	3.US 1.00	6.99 ^T	1/7	4.1	2.8 1
loot Harvesters (10p) Fin	7.02	1.7	1/7	1.83	1.66
cottish Mortgage (25p) Fin	2.1		23/6	3,	2.4
ecs Trust Scot (25p) Fin		0.75	4/7	5.4	
iking Resources (25p) Fin	1.05		1/7	0.9	0.75
Varing & Gillow (25p) Int	1.03	0.95	24/5	~ ~	3.17
Filson (Connolly) (25p) Fin	1.11	1.03	2/7	2.23	2.03
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After its approach, English & Caledonian rose another 7p to 87p, but Gill & Duffus reacted 5p to 222p as profits were taken. Hepworth Ceramics' rights issue and raised dividend

brought a gain of 5p to 614p,-North Sea influences helped Thomson Organisation to rise 10p to 480p. Other paper issues in demand were John Wadding ton "A", up 4p to 150p, and

Peter Brotherhood reports today on the year to March 31 and the shares hardened 1p to 7p yesterday. Nothing as exciting as 1975-76 profit of £1.5m is looked for but foots that looked for, but fears that engineering recession meant only £600,000 or so seem overdone. They could be around £990,000. President Carter talked of the rrestaent career taked of the need to encourage those with know-hold in "cogeneration", the capture and use of wasted steam, something that Brother-hood knows a lot about.

De La Rue where the gain was Equity turnover on April 20 was £52.61m (12,954 bargains). was £52.61m (12,954 bargains).
Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, BP, GKN new, Burmah, BBA, ICI, Gill & Duffus, GEC, Centre Hotels, BSG, Trust Houses, Wm Press, Glaxo, Thorn "A", Marks & Spencer, Rank, RTZ, De Vere, English & Caledonian, V. Dooars and Farnell Electronics.

Anglo Amer Ash & Lacy fastens on to near stable has 9pc slice of besieged Newey two runners

By Nicholas Hirst

rules on disclosure continues quarterlies season is reached with the figures from the to unearth intriguing invest-Anglo American Corporation stable in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, the world's largest collection of mines.

The results are depressingly patchy. In the Transvaal working profits from gold dived from R17.65m in the December quar-ter to R11.58m in the March quarter at Vaal Reefs Exploration. The mine milled a bit more but the yield fell and so

At Western Deep Levels the fall was from R18.05m to R17.3m in working profits and at Vaal Reefs South, from R4.25m to R4m. In the Orange Free State the

gold working profit of Free State Geduld fell from R20.98m to R15m, and the drop at President Brand was from R14.68m to R12.59m. Its subsidiary, Free State Saaiplaas slithered from a gold working loss of R1.6m to R1.99m.

All, however is not gloom. At Welkom the mine milled 20,000 tons more at 552,000 tons and improved the yield from 6.38

to 6.42. Costs per ton milled were held steady at R19.50 leaving the way clear for profits to go up.

The news is also good from Western Holdings. Here working profits from gold rose from R16.4m to R19.1m. Once again,

rons milled rose, this time from 750,000 to 764,000, up went the yield, and costs rose only slightly.

y Nicholas Hirst travel group, announced it had.
The 1976 Companies Acr's been notified that Thomson ples on disclosure continues Organisation holds 5 per cent.

ments, particularly amongst Midlard companies Ash & Lacy, stockholders and manufactures of perforated and expanded metals, revealed it had an 81 per cent stake in pins, needles and fasteners group

Newey.

The stake is doubly interesting because Newey has excited the attentions of veteran shareholders' ginger group cam-paigner, Mr Leslie Harris. In the annual report of Ash & Lacy, published today, Mr Fane Vernon, chairman, said the shares were bought at an average 48p a share during a fourmonth period ending February.

Another Midland Another Midland group, Belgrave (Blackheath) declared that Central Manufacturing & Trading held 250.000 shares and Horizon Midlands, the

Other stakes announced were: Mr Richard Tomkins, the Green Shield stamp king, holds

a 15.14 per cent stake in vehicle group, W. J. Reynolds, while GRFT Investments has a further 9.34 per cent.

William Press and Son notified Drake and Scull it holds 975,000 shares.

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National Westminster Bank formally notified Commercial Union of its 5.2 per cent holding, which is published in the NatWest report and accounts.
Root Harvester has been told of a 10.92 per cent stake held by Jorehant Holdings, Y. J.
Lovell has been informed of a holding of 528,000 shares by Norwest Holst.
M. F. North Ltd holds 7.29

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per cent of Arden, Cobden and Norfolk Hotels and Inchcape Overseas holds 9.48 per cent of Williamson Tea.

Rath and Bestland Cross has declared a 6.6 per cent stake in

De Beers bullish on diamonds

From Desmond Quigley Johannesburg, April 21 A bullish scenario for the diamond industry has been painted by Mr Harry Oppen-heimer, chairman of De Beers Consolidated Mines, in the com-

Mr Oppenheimer states that throughout last year there was very strong demand for smaller sizes of gem stones and the cheaper qualities of large diamonds. But towards the end of the year demand lifted for

very satisfactory" level in size and contains diamonds in payable quantities." ссшrate es

four years to complete.

A lengthy justification for De Beers' underwriting the proposed Rand Selection rights issue and the subsequent take over of Randsel by Anglo American Corporation, by Consolidated Mines, in the company's annual report.

Commenting on the 15 per cent overall price increase last month on rough stones, he says that the higher prices have not reduced demand. Sales were likely to be maintained at a chairman's remarks.

Cheaper quanties of large diamonds. But towards the end issue and the subsequent take of the year demand lifted for over of Randsel by Anglo over of Randsel by Anglo which De Beers would emerge diamond discovery at Jwaneng, with in excess of 30 per cent of Anglo, is contained in the chairman's remarks.

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Charles Clifford Industries

Clamour at the family porch

about Clifford's recent trading performance, particularly in the second-half of 1976. Charles Cooper joined the board in December 1975 and became chairman

when Mr E. Bulley resigned 14 months later. Mr Rex Simpson joined in June 1975 and the board's current complement

Connoisseurs of the noisy annual meeting should mark next Friday, April 29, in their diaries. When wrought metals and metal spraying group Charles Clifford Industries presents its accounts for approval at Ped-more, Stourbridge, on that date, opposition from an ad boc committee of shareholders can be expected.

The thrust stems from a former Clifford director and various Midlands shareholders. They stress that Cooper Industries,
headed by Mr Charles Cooper, has won
effective control of Clifford without
making an offer for the entire equity.
Beyond that, they say, Clifford's financial
affairs have deteriorated.

It is certainly true that Cooper Industries controls 29.4 per cent of Clifford directly, having raised its interest from 27.13 per cent in the 12 months to end-December last.

At the same time, Mr Cooper's son-inlaw and Clifford's managing director, Mr Rex Simpson, holds 10,400 shares. Adding Cooper Industries' 1,500 preference shares, which have voting rights, Cooper interests account for 30.53 per cent of Clifford. Moreover, the Clifford board of five is emirely represented by Cooper Industries

or family representatives. The ad hoc committee will complain

was completed when Mr John Cooper, Mr D. E. Jones and V. J. Smith were elected to the board almost a year ago. Taking our metal price exchange profits, Clifford slumped from a £52,000 pre-tax profit in the first half to an overall deficit of £39,000 and the final dividend, previously 3p per £1 share, was passed. As Mr Cooper reported "trading difficulties were exacerbated by the increased cost of borrowing".

The dissenting shareholders are also

cost of borrowing. The dissenting stareholders are also concerned about the rise in the ratio of debtors to turnover, up from 24.1 per cent to 30.2 per cent in the year, although the chairman squashed another salient objection yesterday when he denied that Cooper Industries is in debt with Charles

He is also confident, that having written to the Takeover Panel, he will not be required to make an outright bid or to said that of the 10,400 shares showed

under Mr Rex Simpson's control, a total of 10,000 is, in fact, owned by Mr Simpson's wife, Mr Cooper's daughter. The investment, he said, showed a "mark of confidence" in her husband.

The Panel appears to bear our Mr Cooper's confidence.

While it may be considered unlikely that Mrs Simpson mould again to the parents.

that Mrs Simpson would ever vote against her husband, and similarly that Mr Simp-son would go against his father-in-law's wishes, the Panel does not believe that the current stakes fall reasonably within the sphere of either Paragraph 3 or 20 of its Practice Note.

The dissidents are thought to hold only small ordinary holdings and around 10 per cent of the preference shares which, although enfranchised, offers scant support in a stand-up fight unless major shoreholders join them. Hopes of obtaining action from the Bapta small from the productions. action from the Panel would appear groundless so it seems that another share-holders' revolt will be crushed.

In the meantime, shareholders may have to wait some time before the price, now 76p, comes within sight of the 125p which Mitchell Somers is believed to have been willing to pay last year.

Ray Manghan

Another record expected at Waring

figures from Waring & Gillow show a slight fall, Mr Manny Cussins, chairman, tells share-holders that the full year will once again show record profits. In the half-year to Septem-

ber 30, turnover rose from £15.78m to £17.11m, the furniture division's share being up from £11.82m to £13.73m. But clocking fell from £3.96m to £3.37m. Net trading profit was a shade lower at £1.03m—with furniture up from £697,000 to £1.07m, but closhing plunging from £341,000 to a loss of £47,000. The interim payment, gross, is lifted from 1.47p to 1.62p.

BROOKE BOND Brooke Bond Liebig is paying a total of almost film for controlling stakes in two overseas

pany which claims a major share of the French market for jams and Brooke Bond is taking a 51-plus interest in largest importer and distributor of meat and meat products in Canary Islands.

AMC BONDS Agricultural Mortgage Corpora-tion: Issue of flm 124 per cent bonds, April 25, 1980, at £100 per

CLYDE PETROLEUM Turcover for 15 months to December 31, £35.28m (£535,000 for previous year). Pre-tax profit, £3.16m (£10,000 for year).

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM Occidental Petroleum Corp of Los Angeles says its board has increased annual dividend rate to

\$1.25 a share from \$1. Offer for sale by tender of 55m 63 per cent redeemable preference

stock, 1982 brought applications for £10.11m of stock. Lowest price to receive partial allotment was £100.26. Average price, was £1 £100.92.

ASHLAND OIL ISSUES

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EUROBOND
Ashland Oil (GB) is issuing a
\$60m (about £35.2m Eurobond,
due 1982, with an expected 7.50
per cent coupon, lead manager
Banque de Paris et Des Pays-Bas

OCEAN TRANSPORT
Sir Lindsay Alexander, the chairman, expects 1977 to show a "further useful improvement" in pre-tay profits.

CRANE FRUEHAUF Yesterday we wrougly said that Hill Samuel advised Crane in its tussie with the United States Fruehauf Corp. Crane was, of course, advised by Barclays Merchant Bank, and the American group by Hill Samuel. ANGLO AMERICAN INVESTMENT

FINAL DIVIDEND NO. 74

Further to the dividend dotice severtised in the press on the 11th March, 1977, the conversion rela applicable to payments in United Kingdom currency in respect of the housemplocated divident divident. Kingcom currency in respect of the abovementioned dividend is \$1=\$1.498214 equivalent to 173.47048) per share. The effective rate of South Airican Non-Resident Starcholders' Tax is 14.8528 per cent.

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Write-down of US link Alginate by Leslie & Godwin

Leslie & Godwin (Holdings) has been in the wars since it's main United States contact, the Pritchard & Baird brokerage house, went bankrupt last year. The P & B crash has been one of Wall Street's most notorious financial scandals of recent years, with talk of the misapplication of more than £11m of funds and with international repercussions hirring P & B's

associates around the world. Leslie has decided to write down the total cost of its links with P & B this year, cutting rs68,000 from group profit and restricting this year's pre-tax profits growth to 18 per cent, at £4.07m, on group turnover

up by 44 per cent at £217m. There may be some repayments from the P & B case, but 94p yesterday.

delayed, and in the meantime Leslie is actively chasing new outlets in the United States. The group managed to generate over 15 per cent of its business in that market last year despite the P & B setback.

Since the appointment of Mr Lucien Wigdor as Leslie's chief executive last year there has been a radical rethinking of the group's internal structure with what Mr Wigdor describes as a greater commitment by the group's staff. This, Mr Wigdor believes, will overcome the effects of las summer's abortive merger with Sir James Goldsmith's Wigham Poland Holdings and the P& B débacle.

The share were unmoved at

beats its forecast

Alginate Industries, vorid's largest manufacturer of alginates and accounting for about a third of the world output, surpassed the forecast of a record \$2.4m profit.

Sales for the year to Decem ber 31 rose from £10.1m to £15.5m and pre-tex profit from £1.6m to £2.9m. The total dividend is 19.25p gross against

Alginate made a strong first

quarter recovery from the previous vear's setback and was able to forecast record 1976 results. The better orders con-tinued throughout the year. The company provides much of its own raw material by harvesting seawed along the coasts of Scotland and Ireland. This is then dried, milled and shipped to the group's two chemical factories.

French stake sale cuts Matthews' borrowings

Matthews Holdings, the foodbased group operating in the United Kingdom and Europe, is to sell a stake of one third in a French offshoot—and so achieve a big reduction in borrowings.

borrowings.

The group has contracted to sell 33 per cent of Boucheries Bernard SA of Paris for about £2.6m, against a book value of £2.1m. Of this, £1.6m will be received from French financial institutions and borrowings associated with the cost of the investment have been cut accordingly.

The balance is accounted for by shares sold to trustees for employees of Bernard and their investment funds on favourable terms. Matthews has agreed to accept extended payments ex-pected to yield a further £617,000 this year, £77,000 in 1978 and £309,000 in 1979. As a result, Matthews will have cut its holding from 78 per

cent to about 45 per cent of Bernard. The effect of this-and the subsequent treatment of Bernard as an associate—is to reduce Matthews' 1976 borrow-ings by £5.5m and so halve the ratio of borrowing to share-holders' funds.

At the same time, net tangible assets will be increased by £3.7m and historical earnings for a full year reduced by about 0.2p per share. Matthews said yesterday that

it could cut the holding further—to 35 per cent to eliminate all borrowings outstanding against the investment, but thereafter would be determined to retain would be determined to retain its substantial stake in a strong and expanding company.

Bernard's net tangible assets at December 31 last were 13m and profit, after tax, was 51.37m for 1976 on a turnover of 170m.

Last atouth, in Paris, Bernard and the turnous of 1976 on a turnover of

said it expected to double turnover by 1980 and that it would be seeking a public quotation **Business appointments**

International Harvester switch

Mr Lawrence Abbott, assistant managing director of I. H. France, returns to International Harvester Company of Great Britain from May 1. He succeeds Mr Jack Smith, who has been named vice-president, worldwide marketing, for International Harvester's new Pay Line Group.

Mr Tom Macdonald succeeds Sir Donald Kaberry as chairman of Yorkshire Chemicals.

Mr Barry Moult, marketing controller of National Giro, has become director of operations and general manager of the National Giro Centre. He will succeed Mr Raymond Lock, who retires in June.

June.

Mr John Page, chairman of Mersey Docks and Harbour, has been made part-time chairman of the National Ports Council.

Lord Shawcross has become deputy chairman and Mr H. C. Cottrell a director of Caffyns,

Mr P. J. Ricketts has replaced Mr P. Macadam as a director of International Stores.

Mr Eric Hollis, finance director of Securicor Group, has been made deputy managing director, with of Seturion Group, has been made deputy managing director, with continuing responsibility for finance. Mr Roger Wiggs and Mr Peter Towle join the board. Mr A. D. Chesterfield, Mr R. W. A. Groom, Mr T. S. Petersen and Mr R. J. Woolacott have joined the board of Percy Bilton. Dixons Photographic will, from May 1, become a holding company



Mr Barry Moult, who become director of operations and general manager of the Giro Centre in June.

controlling the activities of 11 operating subsidiaries. The retail trading activities, assets and staff of Dixons within the United Kingdom will devolve to a newly formed subsidiary Dixons Photographic UK whose board will comprise the M. I. Souhami (menagerics) Mr. M. I. Souhami (menagerics) graphic UK whose board will com-prise: Mr M. J. Souhami (manag-ing director), Mr R. T. Abbott, Mr A. Binns, Mr V. Guy, Mr D. Rurka and Mr B. Viner. Mr M. W. Heaton becomes a director of Dixons Photographic (Invest-ments). Mr P. Felton, Mr M. Fenlon and Mr M. Morrow be-come directors of Edgware Com-puter Bureau.

ome confirms of kandan burkin & Thompson.

Mr R. A. Smith, a director of C. H. Industrials; Mr A. D. Mauthewman, managing director; and Mr P. R. Kirkland, finance director; have all joined the board of Beaver, Mr Hearley as chairman.

Mr David Birrell has been made a director of Securities Trust of Scotland. Mr Ross Campbell, formerly joint managing director, has be-come deputy chief executive of Millbank Technical Services. Mr John Hewins joins the board

Mr John Hewins joins the board of Davy-Loewy as saies director. Mr Donald L. Laurie has been made managing director of Merrill Lynch Relocation Management International.

Mr T. R. C. Willis, managing director of Belfast Telegraph Newspapers, is to become managing director of North Eastern Evening Genetic, Middlesbrough, from July 1. Mr J. S. Long, managing director or North Eastern Evening Genetic, will become managing director of Pelfast Telegraph Newspapers.

Mr Jeffrey Brown, personnel director of Pretty Polly, has been made chairman of the Knitting Industries' Federation's Industrial Relations Board. He succeeds Mr Ernest Owen, of Atkins of Hinckley.

Group Gold Mining Companies

Orange Free State

Reports of the directors for the quarter ended 31st March 1977

Free State Geduld Mines Limited

ISSUED CAPITAL: 10 000 000 sharps of 50 cants each

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o months ended March 1977 Loader roef	11 448	1 428	22.0	84.91	1 868	0.50	10.96	
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512 208.8 3.55 366 231,1 2.76 638 0.11 24.54 778 216,4 3.27 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE Estimated expenditure for the year ending September 30 1977 is R22 000 000 (previously R20 000 000) which excludes an amount of R10 800 000 (previously R10 000 000) to be spent on the motaliturgical complex.

FREDDIES CONSOLIDATED MIMES LIMITED
Attention is drawn to the report published in conjunction herewith operations of Freddies Consolidated, all the issued shares in which are sent important by this commany and Western Roldings Limited.

D. B. HOFFE Directors

April 22 1977

Welkom Gold Mining Company Limited

	ISSUED CAPITAL: 12 250 000 share	of 50 cants	each			
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•	Yield-q/\(\)	6.4		6.58		6.40
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•	Revenue per ton milled	R23.4	I 1	R21.70		R22.57
ŧ.	Cost per tun milled	R19.5	50	R19.49		R19.49
•	Profit per ton milled	R3.5	15	R2.21		R5.08
	Revenue	R12 924 00	00 R1	541 000	R24	46,000
	Cost	R10 784 00	00 R10	366 000	R21	130 000
•	Profit	R2 160 00	10 R	175 000	R3	355 600
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:	estimated	R2 548 00	10 R1	303 000	RJ	851 000
i	Capital expenditury metallurgical					
•	complex—tranced by way of loan-		20	R168 000		7257 000
•	—ather	R930 00	10 R1	701 000		941 000
	Dividends declared—amount	919 00		· ·		919 000
•	per share	7.5 cen	ts	_		7.5 cents
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No 2	485	40	18.3	36.39	666	0.67	12.2
No. 5	7-1-3	170	15.6	180.45	2 815	1.62	25.2
Quarter ended							
March 1977	1 696	330	15.8	110.32	1 743	1.21	19.0
Quarier ended Documber 1976	2 245	436	22.4	58.30	1 306	0.73	16.2
6 months ended March 1977	3 941	766	19.6	76.22	1 494	0.89	17.4
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Quarter anded March 1977	4	_	_	_	_	_	_
Quarter ended December 1976	Nil	_	_	_	_	_	_
6 months mided March 1977	. 4	_	_	_	_		_
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Quarter ended March 1977	77	42	124.4	6.05	752	0.56	69.8
Ouarier ended December 1976	27	16	164.6	4,95	814	0.43	71 3
6 months ended March 1977	104	5H	135.5	5.6B	769	0.50	70.2
CAPITAL EXPEND Estimated expendit (previously R5 00	ure for th	ie year	ending :	September	30 1977	' is R3	500 00

Orders placed and outstanding on capital contracts as at March 31 1977 totalled R432 000 of which R83 000 was in respect of the metallurgical complex. For and on behalf of the board
D. B. HOFFE
G. Y. NISBET

Free State Saaiplaas Gold **Mining Company Limited**

ISSUED CAPITAL: 28 100 000 shares of PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE Y Tonnage 1 200 000 Grade 3.7 seam in addition, approximately 1 800 000	ZEAD ENDING	SEPTEMBER reviously 4.0) grade Brankum	30 1977 slimes will be
rreated	Quarter ended Mar. 1977	Quarier ended Dec. 1976	6 months ended Mar. 1977
OPERATING RESULTS Wins production—tons milied Yield—4:1 Gold produced—kg Revenue per ton milied Cost per ton milied Loss par ton milied Cost per ton milied Loss per ton milied Cost per ton milied Loss per ton milied	309 000 3.59 1 108 R12.07 R18.49 R6.42 R3 728 000 R5 713 000 R1 985 000	303 000 7.39 1 038 112.68 818.69 85.32 83.635 000 85.454 000 81 621 000	632 000 3,34 2136 R10,37 H18,25 R5,88 R7,571 000 R11 157 000 R3 596 000
JOINT METALLURGICAL PRODUCTIC SCHEME (See sots) Tons sime trend Yield—kg/t Estimated profit	152 000 0.15 NI	Ξ	152 000 0 15 Nii
FINANCIAL RESULTS Working less—Gold Profit on sale of uranium oxide Net sundry revenue	R1 985 000 4 077 000 1 752 000	R1 611 000 545 000	R3 596 000 3 677 000 2 297 000
Profit (Loss) before taxation and State's share of profit Taxation and State's share of profit —estimated	4 444 000	(1 066 007)	3 378 000
Profit (Loss) after tax and State's share—estimated	R4 444 000	(R1 066 000)	R3 378 000
Capital expenditure — metallargical complex—financed by way of loans —other	R210 000 R2 996 000	R2P4 0H0 R2 469 009	R494 000 R5 465 000
Dividends declared Tonnage treated for President Brund on a tall basis	12E 900	133 200	262 000
SHART SINKING No. 3 chan Advance—metres Depth to date—metres Station cutting—metres	773.1 1 391.1 399.3	116 1 1 218.0 767 8	289.2 1 79.1 1 169.1
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April 22 1979

Estimated exceptifizer for the proviously RR 500 000) Will R300 000; to be spent on the Orders placed and outstanding on capital compacts as at March 31 1977 totalled R1 737 000 of which R78 000 was in respect of the metallurgical complex. For and on behalf of the board D. A. ETHEREDGE | Directors G4 Y, NISSET |

Western Holdings Limited

1 514 600 12.13 18 758 842.74 19.20 P23 45 JAINT METALLURGICAL PRODUCTION SCHEME (500 Rate)

ISSUED CAPITAL: 7 49G 370 shares of 50 cents each PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30 1977 Toenage 3 100 000 Grade 12.3 grams per 1on

FINANCIAL RESUI Working profil—C Net sundry revent	old	::::::	R19 076	5 000	R16 435 000 1 119 000	R35	511 DC 275 00
Profit before 1et			20 232	2 000	17 554 000	37	786 00
Taxation and State	's share o	of profit	12 127	000	10 313 000	22	440 00
Profit after tax an	d Stato's	share—	R8 10	5 000	R7 241 000	R15	346 00
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No. 4	2 367	268	11.1	721.69	.3 .17.7	1,1M	1
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President Brand Gold Mining Company Limited

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For and on behalf of the board D. A. ETREREDGE! Directors

Freddies Consolidated Mines Limited

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President Steyn Gold Mining Company Limited

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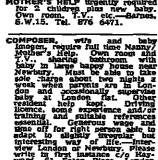
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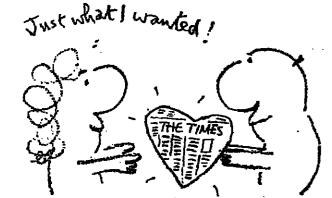
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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Martonair buoyant as interim rally takes on fresh impetus

By Victor Felstead

The recovery at Martonair International, which began in the second half of 1975-76, continued in the first six months of the current year. On turnover up from £8.75m to £11.95m, pre-tax profits rose from £815,000 to £1.4m in the half-year to January 31. The interim payment, gross, is being lifted from 2.22p to 2.44p.

Martonair's pre-tax profits hit a record £2.87m in 1974-75, but

fell to £2.18m in the following 12 months, the fall, over the year, being 24 per cent. But first-half results were 40 per cent lower, with the secondhalf's less than 10 per cent

The board said yesterday that t expects record figures for the full year. The improved trend in incoming orders, which started in the second half of

Perry keeps

interim push

a Ford main dealer, again

full year to December 31. Pro-

higher at £1.58m on sales in-

creased from £36.2m to £51.6m.

10 attributable rose from £593,000 to £810,000 after a £76,000 surplus on property disposal. Earnings a share improved from 13.2p to 16.3p and the total dividend is up from

6.8p gross to 7.47p. Meanwhile 1977 has started well and an even better year is expected than that just past.

Following the recent spate of

Eurobond issues by leading British companies, Bowater is now coming to the market for

\$50m. The issue is to be dated 1992 and the coupon will be fixed on May 4 in the light of market conditions. The proceeds

will be used for repaying shortterm, foreign-currency borrow-ings and for financing long-term

investment projects outside the

United Kingdom. Managers to the issue are Credit Suisse, White Weld, Barings, Swiss Bank Corp (Overseas) and Union Bank of Switzerland

Bowater Eurobond

The attributable rose from

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in turnover and profits. Martonair's Dutch subsidiary recovered well and is now producing a "satisfactory" profit. But in France, despite some increase in sales volume, further losses have been incurred, partly because of the French policy of price control.

Sales continue to develop at a "high level", both at home and overseas, and the board expects peak results for the year as a Martonair is a manufacturer

of pneumatic control equipment. In his last annual report, Mr George Godwin, the chairman, told shareholders that turnover for 1975-76 rose from £18.8m to £19.22m—of which nearly 77 per cent was in respect of direct exports from the United Kingdom and sales by overseas



Mr George Godwin, chairman

Haw Par faces trading loss over shipping assets

Singapore, April 21.-Haw that the 1976 financial year tax profit up 17 per cent to results will have an overall £825,000, Harold Perry Motors, trading loss. This will be substantially increased by pronotched record profits for the visions to be made against some capital assets, particularly in fits finished some 21 per cent shipping.

The unaudited interim results for the half-year to June 30, 1976, last September showed a group net loss of \$S8.59m (about £2m). They did not contain capital losses in the shipping division .- Reuter.

Océ-van der Grinten

Océ-van der Grinten, the Dutch parent of Oce-van der Grinten Finance, announces a one-for-five rights at a price a share of 142.5 florins.

Following the issue the con-version rights attaching to OF's listed 9 per cent sterling/ guilder convertible unsecured loan stock have been adjusted to a conversion price of 180.30 florins (previously 185).

Brown, Boveri & Cie

Brown, Boveri and Cie AG, recommending an unchanged dividend of DM8 per 50-mark nominal share and 11-to-one rights issue. This will raise the nominal capital to DM144m

International

(about £34.2m) from DM132m. Price of the new shares is DM100 for 50-mark nominal

The company states that sales and orders in the first quarter of this year were higher than in the year-ago period.-AP-Dow

Xerox faces slowdown

Xerox Corporation's revenue gain from outright sales of equipment will slow in the re-mainder of 1977, its treasurer, Mr A. Stanton Wells, jur, said in New York. He said that the 50 per cent jump in the first quarter from sales of copiers, d:vilcators and a variety of other products will not be matched in subsequent quar-

Reynolds Metals

The American metal group, Reynolds Metals Company is considering making an offer of additional common stock and other financing for a variety of programmes. This includes capital projects which "we be-lieve are highly desirable", Mr David P. Reynolds, chairman, told the annual meeting.-

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)



FLOATING RATE NOTES Credit Lyonnais 6 1983 98*, 99*, Escom 8', 1982 96*, 97*, Genossen Zentrai 6 1983 98*, 99*, Indus; Bank Japan 6. US S CONVERTIBLES



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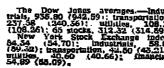
Wall Street

New York, April 21.-Stock praces closed sharply lower on the Yew York Stock Exchange after falling steeply late in the session on a decline in retails sales. The Dow Jones industrial average was off 6.79 points to 935.80. ers 890 to 550.

Volume totalled 22,740,000 shares, down from 25,090,000



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in nosedive

By Ashley Druker

A buoyant summer season proved to be a misleading omen for British Midland Airways, a subsidiary of Minster Assets. Hopes for matching results to 1975 were shattered by a "par-ticularly bad" fourth quarter in 1976 which almost eliminated the year's profits. In the event, pre-tax profits nosedived from E420,000 to only £90,000 on turnover up from £14.8m to £18.6m. There is again no dividend on the ordinary.

The chief problem turned out to be its leasing division. By late December, the directors said, the position was so serious that a major reshaping was started. This involved substantial redundancies and sale of aircraft, following a review of and curtailment routes marginal operations.

Leasing puts A pleasant surprise Brit Midland from R Westgarth

A pleasant surprise is sprung total from 2.80p to a helty by Richardsons, Westgarth, the 4.106p, the maximum allowed, ship repairing and engineering The gross equivalent is 6.3p group which seems to have avoided state takeover.

Last October it expected 1976 pre-tax profits of around £1.8m compared with £1.35m in the preceding nine months and the record £2.35m for the year to March 31, 1975.

Instead, Richardsons follows up a drop in first half pre-tax profits from £745,000 to £658,000 with profits for the year of as much as £2.37m against £1.35m for the nine months. On the same basis turnover soared from £28.2m to

The result was earnings a share of 9.2p against 5.8p and these enable the directors to do more than pay an unchanged dividend as many assumed. A closic final of 3.06p hoists the net year.

against 4.3p.

The shares duly rose 5 ip to 50p where they are only a whisker away from the 1976.77 high. The low of 30p indicates that tempting profits are there to be taken. Even so the shares do not yet

seem to deserve such treatment. Apart from the unexpectedly good profits and dividend jump, the new payment is sail and assets at book value were 75p a strare at the last count.

Meanwhile it seems that the problems of the first six months

are less pressing now.

Ahead of the annual accounts it seems that the whole group was able to take in and account for a lot of business in the closing weeks of the financial

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Significant turnround in trading Dividend more than doubled

REED & SMITH HOLDINGS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

Financial results for year ended 31st December 1976

19 £000 Group Turnover 31,4	
Trading Profit/(Loss) before taxation	58 (220)
Profit/(Loss) after taxation credit and extraordinary items 2 Dividends per Ordinary Share	68 (145)
(gross equivalent)3.213	4 p 1.5384p

Chairman's comments

- 1. Trading profit before taxation of £357,787 compares with the forecast of "approaching £300,000" made in the circular to shareholders dated 29th October 1976 and with the loss of £219,861 for 1975.
- 2. Reduced charge for deferred taxation this year, as balance
- available considered adequate for foreseeable future. 3. Final dividend of 1.08875p net means that 1976 payout is more than double that of the previous year and, moreover, well
- Installation of new machine at Wansbrough proceeding satisfactorily. Machine start scheduled for August with full efficiency planned for early 1978.
- 5. Over 12m being invested in capital projects by the Group
- It is hoped that, if all goes according to plan at Wansbrough, 1977 will again show an improvement over the previous year. leading to a material upturn in 1978.

Copies of the report and accounts will be available on April 29th from The Secretary, Reed & Smith Holdings Limited, Silverton Mills, Hele, Exeter, Devan EX5 4PX.



Excess Insurance Group Limited

Summary of operating results 1976

		1976	1975
		£000	£000
Group Premium Income			
General		54,610	39,321
Life		2,044	2.523
Underwriting Results		(A 450)	
		(4.452)	(3,060
Investment Income		9,467	7,622
Sundry items		285	41
		5,300	4,603
Taxation		406	(636
Operating Profit		4 904	
- b		4,034	5.239

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman and Chief Executive, Mr. W. L. Samengo-Turner. The profit for the year 1976 before tax-

ation and extraordinary items showed a against £4,603,000 for the previous year. The worldwide premium income on general business showed a 39% increase of £15,289,000 to £54,610,000. As a large proportion of our premium income is written in currencies other than sterling, particularly US dollars, the impact of the devaluation of the £ has contributed to the increase in premiums. The true premium income growth has been most satisfactory. The 1974 Underwriting Year closed on 31st December, 1976 and produced an underwriting loss of £2,338,000 on a premium

income of £25,370,000 after making provision for outstanding claims and charging management expenses but before investment income. As provisions of £2,160,000 were made against this loss in the accounts for 1974 and 1975 there was a small additional loss for the year in the Profit and Loss Account of £178,000. Reserves continue to be provided for losses on open underwriting years on the basis of con-servative actuarial calculations which provide for possible adverse experience at the earliest date. Underwriting reserves have been further strengthened during 1976, giving rise to an increase in total

underwriting funds to £88,806,000. This increase in the funds available for investment, coupled with the continued high interest rates has enabled us to substantially increase our investment income whilst maintaining our practice of realising a proportion of our investment gains. Group Name Change

The name of the Company has been changed from Excess Holdings Limited to Excess Insurance Group Limited as this was considered more descriptive of the main activity of the Group.

Future Prospects The past year has seen some failing off in the rate of inflation, but this has been more than offset by the devaluation of the pound which has led to a marked increase in premium income expressed in sterling

Whilst our present capital base, coupled with current profit levels and a low text charge, enables us to continue to look forward to a steady growth of premium, it is essential that the pricing of business in the market as a whole should envisage a rate of profit sufficient to provide a platform for this future growth.

Copies of the Full Report & Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Excess Insurance Group Limited, 13 Fenchurch Avenue, Landon ECSM 587.

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Bank Base Rates

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THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA Dindend No 359

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of 341 coms per share upon the pard up capital of this bank has been declared for the current quarier and will be payable at the Bank and it branches on or alist 24th May, 1977, to shareholders of record at the close of business 22nd April, 1977. By order of the Board
R C FRAZEE
Chief General Manager

Exchange

Foreign

The dollar closed slightly lower in Europe yesterday but its move-ments were fairly aimless, dealers European markets were neutral overall to the shape of the United States energy conservation programme but later marked the dollar up slightly on news of a slower rise in United States March (rusumer prices)

MARKET REPORTS

Both France and Germany maintained their bank rates unchanged sesterday, at regular credit meetings after some market expectations of possible reductions, dealers said.

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The dollar closed at 2.3705/15 marks versus 2.2730/40, at 2.5200/10 Swiss francs from 2.5225/35 and 2.4715/30 guilders from 2.4740/55 overnight. from 2.4740.55 overnight.

Sterling traded very quietly between \$1.7157 and \$1.7197 against the dollar. Markets were so subdued the Bank of England did not need to intervene on either side of the exchange rate to check movements, dealers said. The pound closed at \$1.7193, 3 points down on the day, its effective rate was down 0.1 at 61.7. Gold closed in London at \$148.625 an ounce, \$0.5 down

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Discount market

Discount houses were again faced with an acute shortage of credit yesterday. To relieve this shortage, the Bank of England gave assistance on an extremely large scale. The Bank bought a moderate amount of Treasury bills and a small amount of local authority bills directly from the houses and also, for technical reasons, lent a very large sum overnight to five or six houses at the MLR (9 per cent).

Despite this, banks were still expected to be carrying below target balances forward to today.

Factors working against the market were a fairly large Treasury bill take up, a substantial excess of revenue receipts over Govern-ment disbursements. lowest level On the plus side, balances were

since January up overnight and there was a slight fall in the note circulation. Money was readily available throughout the morning at a rate of between 8 and 8; per cent, but conditions became tight later in the day and closing balances were taken anywhere from 8 to 9 per cent.

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Copper drops to

For the first time slace midJanuary copper cash wire bars
fell below 2800 per tonne on the
London Metal Exchange yesterday.
At the official morning close wire
bars were 514.50 down on
Wedneaday's close at £794.25 per
tonne. Three months was £15.75
down at £816.50.

Dealurs described the losses as
a speculative shakeout with
general liquidation in all positions.
There were persistent rumours
that United States producers might
cut back prices from the present
74 cents per lb to about 65 cents
and the New York close on
Wednesday night was weak.
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retain in the service many about Wednesday light was weak.

The market appeared to be taking in its stride news about the strike at Noranda's Montreal plant. At the afternoon close cash wire bars were £5.75 down on the day at £803 and three montrs had fallen £7.50 to £824.75 per tonne. per tonne.
Coffee price also retreated again Coffee price also retreated again yesterday closing the morning with losses of 592 to 5112. Prices fell as trade and local dealer buying dired up on profit-taking. Dealers said that the market remained nervous and there was a lock of incentive to move ahead, largely reflecting lower chart patters.

At the afternoon close May had lost \$106.50 on the day at \$2,783.50 and July was \$113 down at \$2,833.50. Copper.—Afternoon.—Cash wire

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NORDIC BANK IN HONGKONG. The International bank set up in London by three of the leading Scandinavian banks announced opening of new subsidiary, Nordic Asia in Hongkong.

GRINDLATS HOLDINGS GRINDLAYS HOLDINGS
At the annual meeting the chairman, Mr N. J. Robson, said: "I see no reason to alter the personal forecast that the results for 1977 should be better than for 1976." Results for the first three months. before taking exceptional fitms into account, are better than for the first three months of last year.

MANUFACTURERS HANOVER Manufacturers Hattover Lessing Canada is to raise \$25m (Can) in the Euroboad market through an issue of five year guaranteed notes, with an expected annual coupun of \$1 per cent.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Antony Gibbs Holdings Limited

Highlights from the Statement by the Chairman, Sir Philip de Zulueta

The Company's increased profit gin 1976 came largely from its activities in Australia and insurance broking.

ane United Kingdom

In banking, managed by Antony Gibbs & Sons, the level of acceptances was almost maintained, nonsterling business grew, and the corporate finance department has been enlarged.

Since the year end the Company has finalised the acquisition of a 25 per cent share in a Zurich bank. The other shareholders are Creditanstalt Bankverein of Vienna and Bayerische Vereinsbank of Munich

The current year should be better for banking profits, but we must expect these to come at least as much from overseas as from the United

In 1976, a particularly profitable year for insurance broking, the well-established firm of Lionel Sage and Company was acquired for cash and doubled the size of our existing insurance broking subsidiary to form Antony Gibbs, Sage.

Antony Gibbs Financial Services now includes the personal financial planning division and the pension advisory division. We expect more business in 1977 particularly for pensions advice.

Overseas

Australia is our main area of activity. 1976 was the most profitable year so far for Gibbs Bright which is active in the manufacture and sale of wood-based building materials as



well as in the management of an insurance group. Australian conditions indicate that this year may be less buoyant.

In the Middle East, we have a shareholding in a joint banking venture with The Hongkong Bank Group. Antony Gibbs, Sage, the pension advisory division and a merchanting subsidiary are separately represented. An increasing amount of business is being generated from the area.

22 Bishopsgate

The new building to be completed later this year will be one of the best modern buildings in the City. We have made arrangements for finance which eliminate any strain on our

Future Outlook

The Company has begun the current year well and with confidence in the future.

Copies of the Report & Accounts may be obtained from The Secretary, 23 Blomfield Street, London EC2M 7NL Telephone: 01-588 4111

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WOOLWICH EQUITABLE BUILDING SOCIETY

NOTICE TO INVESTORS

The following reduced rates of interest will apply from 1st May 1977: Share Accounts.....7.00%

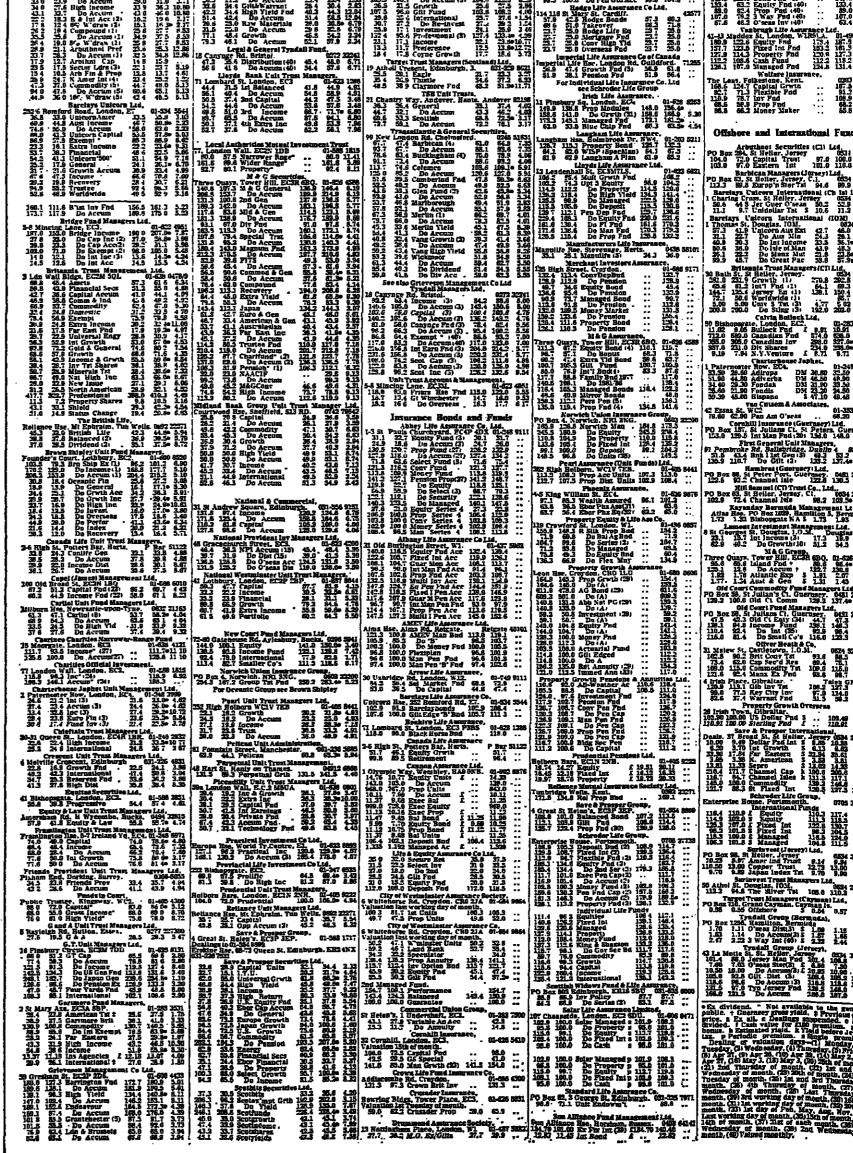
Monthly Income Shares.....7.00% Savings Plan Accounts.....8.25%
Deposit Accounts6.75% (Ordinary personal) Investment Certificates The rate of interest on all existing 0.80 % Certificates will be reduced by Investors will have no basic rate income tax to pay on their interest as the Society discharges this liability.

MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES

From 1st May 1977 interest on new and existing mortgages will be reduced by 1.00%. (For repayment mortgages subsidised under the Option Mortgage Scheme the net interest charged will be reduced by 0.80 %.)

The normal effect of this reduction, endowment mortgages excepted, will be to shorten the term of repayment. However, where present monthly payments are based on a 12.25% interest table, they can be reduced on request to the Society's branch concerned.

EQUITABLE HOUSE, WOOLWICH SE18 6AB



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Stock Exchange Prices

Small demand but strong gains

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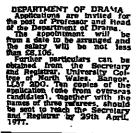
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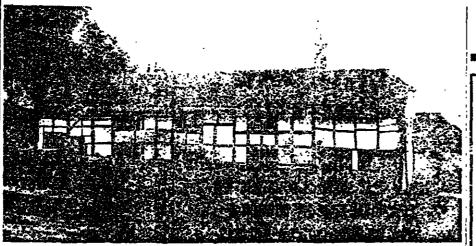
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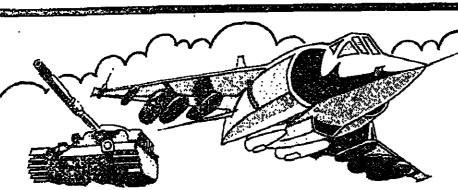
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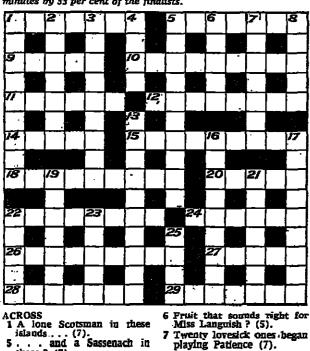
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